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5 Poles occupy mission in Bern

BERN, Sept. 6 (R) — Shots were fired inside the Polish Embassy in Bern Monday for hours after an armed group occupied the building and demanded an end to martial law in Poland, Swiss radio reported. It gave no further details.

Earlier, Swiss government officials said that up to five armed Poles occupied the embassy, took eight to 10 diplomats hostage and threatened to blow up the building within 48 hours unless the Warsaw government lifted martial law and freed political prisoners. The group said the hostages would be released only if four demands were met, the officials said.

Peking abolishes chairman position

PEKING, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — China's Communist Party Monday approved a new constitution explicitly banning all forms of personality cult like that which surrounded Mao Tse-tung in his last years.

Official spokesman Zhu Ouhui said the text of the party constitution was passed at a plenary session of the organization's 12th national congress. He told a press conference the revised constitution erased leftist mistakes included in the last charter promulgated in 1977, the year after Mao died.

The new document forbids all forms of personality cult and lays down that important matters must be discussed and decided by relevant party committee, Zhu said. The news followed Sunday's announcement that the party was abolishing the post of chairman, created for Mao in 1945 and for three decades synonymous with him.

Diplomatic experts said the latest development marked another decisive step in erasing the Maoist legacy. "It is now clear they have gone for policy of collective leadership," one Peking diplomat said. "Under this constitution, no one will ever wield the power of Mao Tse-tung."

Zhu said the new constitution provided for a central advisory committee, which would include aging but respected party leaders who had decided to make way for younger men. This "Council of Elders" is seen as a face-saving device created by party strongman Deng Xiaoping '78, to encourage old revolutionaries to relinquish their politburo and central committee posts.

Deng is expected to be elected to the committee by the congress later this week. But unlike committee colleagues, he is expected to continue to wield real power. Asked Monday whether members of the Council of Elders were also permitted to retain other jobs, Zhu replied: "Some who enjoy very high prestige and rich experience in leadership may also concurrently hold other party posts."

Deng, who has already placed protégés in most key spots in party and government, has up till now remained chairman of the party's Central Military Commission which exercises political control over the four-million-strong People's Liberation Army. There had been speculation that the committee would be dissolved and the civilian overseeing role given to a government body. But Zhu said the commission would stay.

With the adoption of the new constitution, Deng moved into semi-retirement as the posts of party chairman and vice-chairman have been abolished.



WELCOMED: King Fahd is being greeted by King Hassan II of Morocco on his arrival at Fez Saks Airport Sunday to attend the Arab summit.

Gold jumps to new high

LONDON, Sept. 6 (R) — Gold and silver prices touched new 1982 highs Monday as doubts about the durability of the world banking system kept investors bidding for precious metals as a hedge against financial disaster.

Gold prices went as high as \$466.50 an ounce in London at one point and silver prices topped \$9 an ounce, the highest levels for both metals in nearly a year. Dealers later fixed the gold price at \$458 and silver prices also eased.

Financial markets in Europe and Asia were described as jittery, with U.S. markets closed for the Labor Day holiday and finance ministers and top bankers assembled in Toronto for the annual World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings.

International financial leaders are discussing what steps to take to head off a failure by

any number of sovereign buyers to pay back their loans, a problem given a new sense of urgency by disclosures from Mexico and Argentina over the past week that they are having serious trouble in meeting repayment deadlines.

Gold has surged from a two-year low of \$296 in June and on Friday jumped \$42.75 to \$458 an ounce for one of its best one-day performances ever, after Mexico announced that it was nationalizing its banks to halt a flight of money.

Mexico, with foreign debts of nearly \$80 billion and Argentina, which owes an estimated \$36.6 billion, are two of the most worrisome cases to the closely linked international banking community that has been left holding stacks of useless notes from other borrowers unable to maintain their repayments.

IMF debates financial issues

TORONTO, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — Economic leaders from 146 nations opened their annual meeting on the world's financial problems Monday with a warning from Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau that "conditions we face today are worse than any" since World War II.

"These hard times, and these perceptions of looming crises, are generating fear in the minds of some of our people," Trudeau told some 12,000 finance ministers, bankers and other observers gathered for the 37th annual

meeting of the International Monetary Fund and its sister lending agency, the World Bank.

In advance of the opening session, U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan acknowledged that there are "extremely bothersome" strains on the world's financial system stemming from the global recession and the inability of countries such as Mexico to pay ballooning debts.

However, Regan told reporters that while the current economic and financial situation appears "difficult and grave, we think it can be handled" by the government-sponsored IMF, which increasingly has become a lender of last resort to troubled countries unable to obtain loans from private banks.

Regan's remarks generally played down the worst fears of impending chaos in the world financial system.

Aden executes former spy chief

ADEN, Sept. 6 — The pro-Soviet former chief of intelligence in South Yemen has been executed for conspiracy against the regime, it was learned here Monday.

Mohsen Al Sharabi, until recently ambassador to Belgrade, was found guilty of plotting against the government of President Ali Nasser Muhammad, in collusion with the former President Abdul Fatah Ismail who is in exile in Moscow.

Ismail was reported to have flown to Belgrade from Moscow for a meeting with Sharabi and other pro-Moscow elements. When the report reached Aden, President Ali recalled the ambassador who had believed that the meeting would remain leakproof.

He is said to have confessed that the plot aimed at restoring the pro-Moscow faction in the government after the recent purges which nibbled at Soviet influence in the country following the fall of Ismail, who has been the Soviet Union's man since his student days when the country was still a British protectorate.

But the ministry did not specify the type of the plot.

Captain Adnan Tok and 22 surviving crew members were taken to Tehran aboard an Iranian transport plane, the communiqué said.



Arafat arrives

Arab summit set to view peace plan

FEZ, Morocco, Sept. 6 (AP) — Kings, Sheikhs and presidents of the Arab world met here Monday to discuss a possible Arab peace initiative in the Middle East.

President Ronald Reagan's peace plan, though not officially on the agenda of the three-day summit, overshadowed the Arab leaders' private discussions. Their host and chairman, Morocco's King Hassan II, is presiding over the summit's formal opening ceremony.

Private talks among the Arab leaders continued until late Sunday night and resumed Monday with the arrival of Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It was the first top-level Arab meeting since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. It was also the first Arab summit to concentrate more on possible Middle East peace moves than on further confrontation with Israel.

Official Moroccan sources said King Hassan conferred individually Sunday and Monday with all the Arab leaders attending the summit, including Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, Syria's President Hafez Assad, Jordan's King Hussein, Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri, Somalia's President Siad Barre and Arif.

Arafat was the last of the leaders to arrive. He came from Tunis, where he presided at a meeting of the PLO executive committee called to discuss the Reagan initiative and other peace plans to come before the summit.

The Palestinian leader, in neatly pressed khaki shirt and trousers and his familiar kaffia Arab headdress, received an exceptionally warm welcome from Hassan and the other Arab leaders.

King Hassan warmly embraced Arafat as he stepped out of his special plane. The other

leaders, who had come specially to Fez airport to greet Arafat, then did likewise.

Moroccan officials collected their earlier report that Syria's President Assad and King Hussein met personally Sunday night with King Fahd and King Hassan to prepare for the conference. The officials said the three kings held a private meeting and Hassan then informed Assad of their views.

Fahd prays for success

FEZ, Sept. 6 (SPA) — King Fahd expressed satisfaction with the "strong determination" of the Arab leaders to reach an Arab consensus with regard to their issues facing them.

In a statement just before the summit opening, he prayed for the success of the Arab leaders in realizing the aspirations of the Arab nation, at this "decisive phase of joint Arab endeavor."

The agenda

RABAT, Sept. 6 (R) — Arab heads of state will tackle a 28-item agenda at their summit which opened Monday in Fez, Morocco, according to the official Moroccan news agency (MAP). MAP said their talks would fall under seven main headings:

— Israeli aggression against Lebanon and the Palestinian people

— An eight-point Saudi Arabian plan for peace in the Middle East

— A plan put forward by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba to solve the Palestinian question

— The Gulf war and the Arab position on the conflict

— The situation in the Horn of Africa

— The construction of a new headquarters for the Arab League

— Arab solidarity and the settlement of inter-Arab conflicts.

The last heading would cover 16 items, according to MAP. These include discussion of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the U.S.-Israel strategic alliance, the supply of U.S. nuclear reactors to Israel and Gulf security, the agency said.

MAP quoted sources close to the general secretariat of the Arab League as saying five working documents, five memoranda and three draft resolutions would be presented to the summit. The draft resolutions would be presented by Iraq (the Gulf war), Somalia (the situation in the Horn of Africa) and the Tunisian (the Bourguiba plan).

Eight Israeli troops captured

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — Defense Minister Ariel Sharon alleged Monday that eight Israeli soldiers seized in Lebanon a day earlier were abducted by Palestinian commandos operating from Syrian-held territory.

Sharon told Israeli radio that he "knew the soldiers are alive" and that he held the Syrians responsible for their safe return.

Deputy Premier David Levy warned Monday that Israel had "twenty ways to hit Syria" if it did not turn over the eight soldiers.

Speaking at a ceremony on the Syrian Golan Heights, Levy demanded that the immediate release of the soldiers. He did not say what the 20 means of reprisal were, but added that efforts for the soldiers' release were being made at the political level.

The International Red Cross was asked to investigate whether the troops were abducted by Syrian forces and to locate them, a communiqué said. It said the disappearance was discovered Saturday after the army lost contact with a forward observation post north of Bhamoun in central Lebanon.

Iraqis sink Turkish ship

ANKARA, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Iraqi forces sank a Turkish vessel Sept. 4, the Turkish Foreign Ministry confirmed here Monday.

"The Mars Transporter" was hit by three missiles fired from the shore from Iraqi military helicopters, which killed three crew members and wounded three more, the ministry said in a communiqué issued this afternoon.

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King emphasizes Arab unanimity, Yamani says

RIYADH, Sept. 6 (SPA) — The importance of Arab reconciliation and healing of Arab differences and reaffirmed King Fahd's keenness to achieve Arab unanimity was stressed Monday by Information Minister Dr. Muhammed Abdo Yamani. In an interview with *Ola*, Dr. Yamani said Arab differences had provided Israel the "chance to attack Lebanon." The time is ripe for an Arab unified formula for peace in the region and there is no alternative to Arab reconciliation in the framework of a comprehensive Arab strategy for joint Arab action," Dr. Yamani said.

He said the Kingdom would support "any unanimous Arab decisions that benefit the

nation and would continue its efforts to support Palestinian rights through all means and at any cost."

Dr. Yamani said the Lebanese crisis should serve as a "warning to the Arab nation to heal its rifts."

"Arab leaders are the ones empowered to determine the best way for Arab action and no one else can force them what course to follow in the upcoming phase," he added.

The minister said "the future of Palestinian action rests with the Palestinians, but the Arab nation should also commit itself to support their cause and crystallize this in a specific plan of action."

For E. Province water, sewage

SR4.3b projects underway

JEDDAH, Sept. 6 — The major water and sewage projects of the Eastern Province now underway cost SR4.333 billion according to *Al-Madinah* Monday. The projects, being implemented by specialist companies, will

1,500 towns involved in electrification plan

JEDDAH, Sept. 6 (SPA) — The Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company for the Western Region is currently conducting a comprehensive study on the conditions and geographical locations of villages under its jurisdiction with the goal of covering them with electrical services.

A time table will be drawn up for the electrification of these villages according to the results of the study, the company's director general, Dr. Talal Bakr, said Monday. The number of towns to be covered by the study reaches 1,500, he added.

provide for modern water and sewage networks linking urban and rural areas, the paper said.

Among the projects is the SR1.2 billion Damman water and sewage networks program which covers most districts of the city.

Work on another water and sewage project, also for Damman, at a cost of SR513 million, will begin soon.

In Qatif, work is underway on an SR740 million project which provides comprehensive water and sewage networks for towns and villages under its jurisdiction.

An SR850 million water and sewage network project also is nearing completion in Alkhobar, while other SR120 water and sewage network and treatment stations are under construction in Hizam Al-Akhdar and Bandar.

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Red Sea 'Seafood Festival'

Elegant dining adventure right in downtown Jeddah

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Sept. 6 — It's hard to warrant calling a visit to any restaurant a "memorable event" but the Seafood Festival now taking place at the Red Sea Palace Hotel comes as close as you can get, offering a posh environment within walking distance of the downtown souk, yet a cosmopolitan atmosphere with delicious food presented with impeccable style and service.

Customers are greeted with an air of elegance upon entering the Al Bouhira Restaurant. The Seafood Festival is now being held here through Sept. 9 and is recalculated periodically. While escorted to the table everyone is offered a date appetizer as they pause to feast their eyes on a sumptuous salad and dessert bar which would satisfy the requirements of many visitors with dozens of delicate and some extremely high-calorie offerings.

Visitors to the hotel often claim they have to be reminded they are in downtown Jeddah, and in the Al Bouhira even more so. From the attentive maitre'd to its well-mannered waiters and impeccable decor including numerous chandeliers imported from Italy, one has to struggle to remember that you aren't in a fine restaurant on the continent or in one of the world's capitals.

Once you are seated, and before the menu is offered, customers are given their choice fresh pre-dinner fruit cocktail. This includes a choice of three of four different fruit concoctions including pure orange juice, a Hawaiian drink made of pineapple and two other juices.

After the juice has been served and menu delivered customers are presented with an appetizer plate consisting of cold cuts, pickles and bread. The waiter also offers you an assortment of bread and butter to munch on.

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white you decide what to order. The menu has an assortment of appetizers:

"Bouquet of Shrimps 'Sun Rise'" a very tastefully presented shrimp cocktail with boiled shrimp in a cocktail glass in a delicate but tangy sauce. This was a tasty appetizer at SR27.

The "Shrimp Soup Somerset Maugham" came to the table at the same time as the cold shrimp appetizer and was the perfect temperature, and with just the right amount of seasoning. The soup itself was made from coconut milk and limes which perfectly offset the "fishiness" of the shrimp, yet did not cover-up its delicate taste. SR15.

The "Old Man of the Sea's Lobster Salad" a large appetizer with lobster, avocados and mangos sounded like a delight, but a dish reserved for those with a large appetite. SR54.

Being billed as "Seafood Festival," seven out of nine of the entrees featured seafood. Despite its location on the Red Sea, well-prepared seafood is hard to obtain here and at a price which reflects its rarity. The menu also had two "Specials of the Day," one of which was a fish and lobster combination. While the menu was being read, a sample of the other special, a brisket of beef, was wheeled to the side of the table, making one of the non-seafood addicts at the table turn and stare and throw down his menu with glee. Both specials were priced at about the SR75 range and tasted worth every riyal.

Entrees not on special included: "Grilled Grouper with Sauted Leek," a dish which was billed as being "with a difference" and smothered in what was obviously a tangy "Mr. Coleman's Sauce" SR45. "Salmon Steak Mother McCrea," salmon cooked to perfection "the Scot's way," with mushrooms and tarragon; SR58.

"Baby Shark Steak, Cafe de Paris," a thick filet of shark which looked flaky and crisp; SR38.

The specialty on the menu was "Red Sea Zarzuela" an assortment of Red Sea seafood marinated in a spicy mixture, at SR125 this dish was large enough to serve two or perhaps even three depending upon the appetite.

"Shrimp Curry Taj Mahal" was a more traditional "Chagara" dish combining the delights of local shrimp with the curry and flavors of the Indian subcontinent; SR54.



SALAD, DESSERT BAR: The table shown above, with many vegetables and sweet delights first greets the customer entering the Red Sea Palace Hotel's Al Bouhira Restaurant. Below, Haj preparations and general sales techniques are discussed by, left to right, Mohie El Din Ghoneim, assistant manager, Red Sea Palace Hotel, Jeddah; Gene Brenner, sales manager, Jeddah; and Martin Isler, director of sales, Al Khozama Hotel, Riyadh.

"Roasted Red Snapper with Ratatouille" was cooked American-style with a sprinkling of sesame seeds; SR45.

And again, for landlubbers, but yet with a touch of seafood, "Chicken Breast with Shrimps" a mixture of land and sea in a lemon and cream sauce; SR49.

After the orders had been taken, more fruit drinks were served, this time in long-stemmed, formal glasses. A mix fruit juice

and sparkling water.

The entrees were served with real showmanship, all dishes were served under a silver cover, which was removed by the waiters after everyone was served. Every dish was prepared to perfection and supplemented with rice brought by the waiter as soon as the main course was unveiled. Everyone enjoyed everything, even the one brave enough to order the shark.

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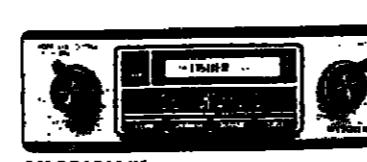
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Israel drops call for autonomy negotiations

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6 (AP) — Charging that President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals "complicit" plans, a senior official said Monday Israel has dropped its call for an immediate resumption of the Palestinian autonomy talks. The official, who refused to be identified by name or position, said Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government believed it would take "weeks or months" to re-open the talks which have been frozen for six months.

The new position emerged in a briefing for European ambassadors by Foreign Minister Shlomo Shamir, the official told reporters. Shamir reportedly said he was "unhappy" with the Reagan plan and believed the summit here was not right for resuming the talks.

The official said the autonomy talks would have to wait until the Lebanese problem is sorted out and all non-Lebanese forces leave the country.

A U.S. special envoy Philip Habib will open talks in Tel Aviv on Sept. 24 on a withdrawal by Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon. Habib returns from a vacation in the United States on Sept. 22 to attend the inauguration of Bashir Gemayel as Lebanon's president the next day, the Israeli official said.

Shamir was reported to have told the ambassadors that 8,500 fighters of the Palestine Liberation Organization had been evacuated from Beirut along with 6,062 troops of the Syrian Army and the Palestine Liberation Army commanded by Syria.

Egypt has said it would not return to the talks to negotiate Palestinian autonomy in the occupied Arab territories until the last of Israel's invasion troops withdraw from Lebanon. Until now Israel's position was that it wanted to resume the stalled talks at any time. Only a few weeks ago it asked Washington to intervene with Cairo.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, EGYPT — The Egyptian Interior Ministry has decided to release 140 people detained last October following the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, the semi-official daily *Al Ahram* said Monday.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat plans to visit Malaysia and other Southeast Asian nations soon, PLO representative Ahmad Al-Fara said here.

BEIRUT, LEBANON — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis conferred Monday with the French, Italian and United States ambassadors on the role of the multinational force in Lebanon following the execution of Palestinian commandos.



ARRIVAL: Syrian President Hafez Assad is greeted by Moroccan King Hassan II upon his arrival at the Fez airport Sunday to attend the Arab summit.

Egypt raps Israeli settlement plan

CAIRO, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — The Egyptian government Monday condemned Israeli plans to erect seven new settlements in the occupied West Bank and called on the international community to oppose the decision. A statement released by a foreign ministry official described the Israeli decision, which was announced Sunday, as an example of the Zionist state's record of "breaking resolutions and the Charter of the United Nations

BELGRADE, Sept. 6 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived Monday for talks with Yugoslav leaders on bilateral relations and world affairs including the situation in the Middle East. Mubarak, accompanied by Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, was welcomed by Yugoslav President Petar Stambolic, Prime Minister Milka Planic and Foreign Minister Lazar Mojsov.

The visit marks the first summit meeting

Habib 'urgently' called back to U.S.

PARIS, Sept. 6 (AP) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib has been called back to Washington immediately and will not make a scheduled stopover in Paris, the French Foreign Ministry said Monday.

Habib left Beirut last week after negotiating the settlement which allowed for the evacuation of Palestinian commandos from West Beirut. Habib then flew to Rome and to Washington and would not come to Paris.

China paper compares Begin to Hitler

PEKING Sept. 6 (AP) — China's leading newspaper has compared the Israeli government of Menahem Begin to Hitler and Japan's Hideki Tojo, and said it would meet the same fate.

"At a time when they were prevailing, so many aggressors were so swollen with arrogance. In the end, one by one, they all became turbid frost and passed away by the great tide of history," the Communist Party newspaper

People's Daily said Sunday.

"Thus it was with Hitler and Hideki Tojo. How can Begin and company be an exception?" it asked. Tojo was Japan's prime minister during World War II.

The paper said the Palestine Liberation Organization had pulled out of Beirut after a nearly three-month fight with "Israeli aggressor troops," but had maintained its strength and vowed to carry on the struggle.

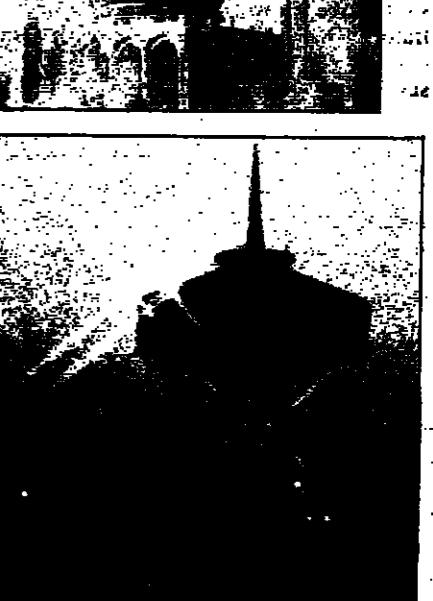
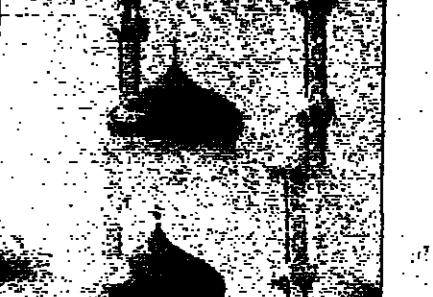
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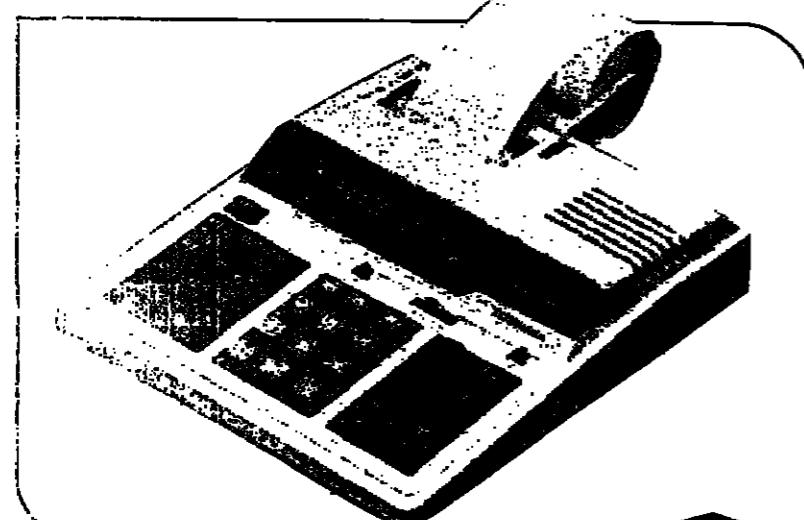
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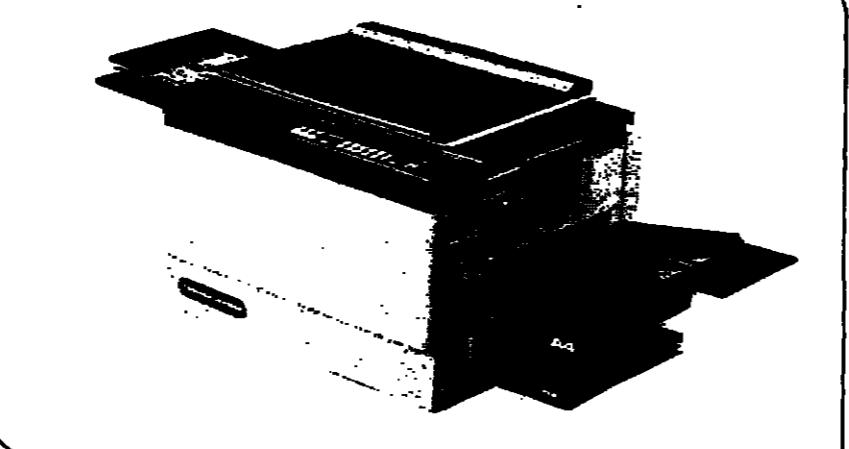
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Shultz rejects parleys with Cuba

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz said Sunday Cuba must change its behavior before the United States would negotiate on differences with its Caribbean island neighbor.

"There's nothing to talk about in the pattern of behavior we see in Cuba right now," Shultz said in a television interview. He was responding to criticism by the former top U.S. official in Havana, Wayne Smith, who called Saturday for a new, more flexible U.S. approach toward Cuba.

Smith, who headed the U.S. interests section in Cuba before quitting last month, accused the Reagan administration of ignoring overtures by Cuban President Fidel Castro for serious negotiations. "The trouble with Cuba is its behavior," Shultz said. "When the behavior of Cuba changes, when it stops exporting revolution, when it stops sending armaments to Nicaragua, when it stops feeding guerrilla movements designed to disrupt duly constituted government processes in the area, then there's something to talk about," Shultz said.

The secretary said Cuba had violated "all sorts of conditions we would attach to tolerable behavior" in Central America, the Caribbean and Africa.

In his criticism, Smith said 20 years of American confrontation with Cuba had failed to alter Castro's Marxist-Leninist philosophy. Smith said the United States should now adopt a strategy of gradual engagement, dealing with Cuba much as it does with its superpower adversary, the Soviet Union.

"I think we're on the right track," Shultz said. "I think the best strategy, and I'm sure the president does, with respect to Cuba, is right here we are. When they evidence some desire and willingness to change their behavior, then we'll respond to that."

Shultz dismissed the former envoy's charges that the administration lacked solid evidence to support assertions that Cuba sent huge amounts of arms to rebels in Central America.

BRIEFS

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Twenty persons were injured Sunday when demonstrators protesting construction of a new runway at Frankfurt's Rhein Main International Airport clashed with police. Police said about 100 mostly youthful persons broke away from about 500 demonstrators and bombarded police with stones, bottles and paint bags. Police detained eleven suspects.

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Seven persons, including three children, were killed when two buses collided on a highway near here Sunday and then crashed into a group of people standing along the side of the road, authorities said. Police said the cause of the accident was unknown. Four other children were reportedly injured.

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The Sirius, flagship of the environmental pressure group Greenpeace, has left the French port of Brest to follow two Dutch ships carrying radioactive waste, Greenpeace offices said. The Dutch ships were carrying 6,000 tons of radioactive waste material from Belgium and Switzerland to be dumped into the Atlantic 700 kilometers off the Spanish coast. The protest ship will try to prevent the dumping of the nuclear material.

Polls predict defeat of Spain's ruling coalition

MADRID, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Spain's ruling coalition Center Democratic Party (UCD) is tipped to suffer a crushing defeat in the Oct. 28 general elections as the country progressively splits up into two camps — the left and the right.

With the official opening of the electoral campaign only a month away, on Oct. 6, public opinion polls this week unanimously predicted an easy victory for Felipe Gonzalez's Socialist Party.

The conservative Popular Alliance Party (AP) led by Manuel Fraga Iribarne was tipped as a close runner-up to the Socialists, with the five centrist parties lagging way behind.

According to a government survey leaked by a domestic press agency, the Socialists would sweep into power with a landslide 180 parliamentary seats, followed by the conservatives with 80, and the ruling UCD coming in with a mere 35.

The government's dissolution of parliament and call for early elections on Aug. 27 has caused further disarray amid the

deeply divided center-right UCD coalition that swept to power in 1979 to set up Spain's first democratically elected government since the death of Gen. Francisco Franco in 1975.

The weekly magazine *Cambio 16* said this week that the five centrist parties could win 102 seats if they united, but only 56 if each stood alone.

But cooperation between the five seems unlikely, given that the second ranking centrist party, the six-week-old Social Democratic (CDS), was set up by the founder of the UCD, former premier Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez.

Suarez's disaffection from the ruling center coalition has, in fact, been held partly responsible for dissension in the party as well as for the government's flagging popularity. He quit the center movement and set up a new party on grounds that the UCD was progressively turning to the right.

His resignation sparked a tide of departures by other leading centrist figures. This week alone, five civil governors, several

ranking officials and a crowd of local UCD leaders quit the movement to join Suarez's CDS.

But although the movement is growing in strength and popularity, the UCD's move to precipitate the elections will probably not give the new CDS party enough time to organize for the ballot.

As for the UCD, observers said it might finally decide to set up a coalition with Fraga Iribarne's rightist AP. The conservative leader, a former minister under Gen. Franco, has been urging the centrists to unite with the right to form a "natural majority".

UCD President Landelino Lavilla has so far refused such a coalition. But the conservative Press and Employers' Union now says this may be the only way to block a Socialist Party victory.

Meanwhile, both the Socialists and the conservative AP are putting the accent on moderation. Although the strife-torn center parties are fast losing ground on the political scene, the centrist electorate still

exists and has not yet forgotten that left-right divisions throughout the country triggered a bloody civil war in 1936.

In a related development, two senior Spanish bishops left for the Vatican Sunday and well-informed church sources said they would ask Pope John Paul to postpone his visit to Spain in October to avoid a clash with a general election campaign there.

Gabino Diaz Merchan and Fernando Sebastian, president and secretary-general of the Spanish Episcopal Conference, said they would make no recommendation, simply give the pope a study of the problem and leave the decision to him.

At an emergency meeting Saturday, 31 Spanish bishops discussed the fact that the visit, planned to run from Oct. 14 to 22, would coincide with the campaign for general elections called for Oct. 28.

Well-informed sources said a majority of the bishops were in favor of a postponement to early November so that the visit would avoid any political overtones.

Soviet paper raps Amnesty

MOSCOW, Sept. 6 (R) — A Moscow newspaper has attacked the human rights organization Amnesty International, branding it a subversive center dedicated to battling against communism.

The daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya* (Soviet Russia) said the London-based organization's image as an impartial campaigner for victims of repression all over the world was nothing but a mask which hid its true nature. "The activities of Amnesty International are in fact chiefly aimed against the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries," the newspaper said.

It said three senior Amnesty officials in Britain and the United States were working for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The organization was regularly used by other Western secret services as well, it added.

Amnesty, which has frequently taken up the cases of Soviet dissidents, has often been attacked by Moscow in the past. The newspaper gave no reason for the latest broadside.

Hanoi to allow kids' emigration

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 6 (AFP) — The Vietnamese government plans to authorize emigration to the United States for 63 children born of American fathers during the Vietnam War, Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co. Thach told the Los Angeles *Herald Examiner*.

Thach indicated that the government would gradually allow all the children fathered by U.S. soldiers in Vietnam to leave the country. By U.S. estimates, there were some 2,000 Vietnamese-Americans born during the war.

The interview was conducted by *Herald Examiner* publisher Francis Dale, who visited Hanoi late a last month with delegation from the Church World Service.

Asked specially about the case of 63 mixed-parentage children whose histories had been obtained by the Church group, Thach replied, "we want to release all of them, but those can go right away. You have my word on it."

The minister also expressed hopes that relations between the United States and Vietnam would improve in the future.

NATO, Warsaw Pact to begin war games

BRUSSELS, Sept. 6 (AP) — Allied armies reinforced by 18,000 troops shipped from the United States are taking part this autumn in European war games that will test lessons learned in Britain's battle for the Falklands.

Meanwhile, the Hungarian news agency MTI announced Sunday in Budapest that the united armed forces of the Warsaw Pact member states will hold maneuvers codenamed "Shield 82" on Bulgarian territory and territorial waters of the Black Sea Sept. 25-Oct. 1.

More than 250,000 soldiers from a dozen North Atlantic Treaty Organization coun-

tries will be fighting mock battles in the annual "Autumn Forge" maneuvers. Among the participants will be a company of British Marines who fought in the Falkland Islands.

"One thing we have learned from the Falklands is the destructions of new defensive weapons on the need for speed in countering them," said a NATO officer planning the maneuvers.

As a result, he said, this year's exercises will emphasize quick reaction to crises. On Sept. 13, in the first major action, 1,800 members of the 82nd Airborne Division and equipment

to fill eight other C-141 cargo planes will be airlifted from Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and parachuted into a field near Wurzburg, West Germany. It will be the biggest non-stop trans-Atlantic maneuver in history, involving three times more men than the first such airborne exercise in 1980. No estimate of the cost of the NATO maneuvers has been made.

The Warsaw Pact maneuvers will be commanded by Bulgarian Defense Minister Army Gen. Dobri Dzhurov and will be attended by 60,000 troops and naval forces. MTI said.

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Chances dim for reactivating Indian satellite

NEW DELHI, Sept. 6 (AP) — India's U.S.-built weather and communications satellite remained out of service Sunday and prospects dimmed for restoring it to use.

The trouble-plagued satellite refused to respond to a series of commands from ground control to stabilize its position and its "available fuel would now appear to have been completely depleted," space headquarters at Bangalore, southern India, announced. The satellite was launched April 10 at Cape Canaveral, after two postponements. A series of technical problems kept it from going into full operation.

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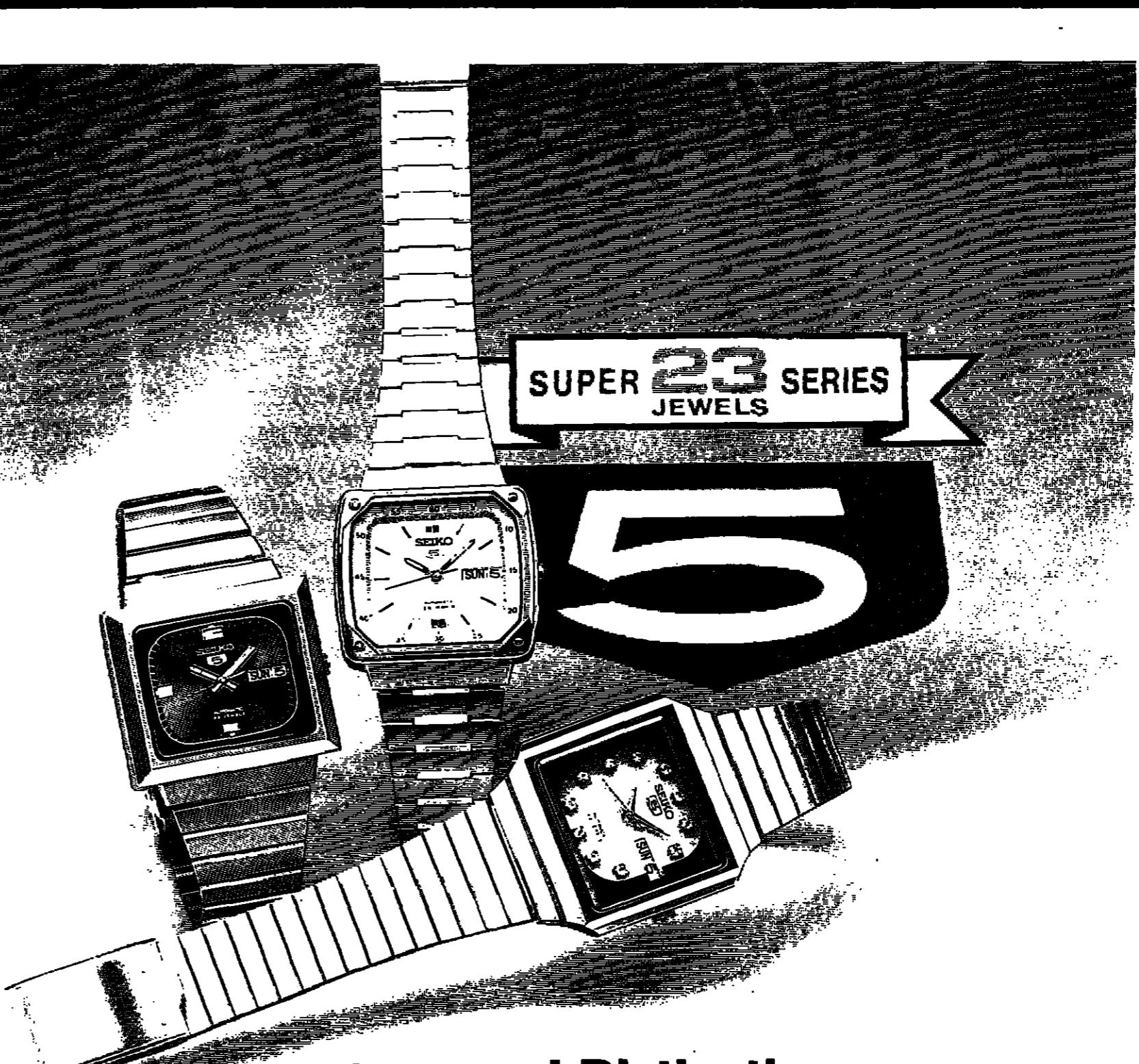
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COMMUNISM BACKFIRES

The new constitution of the People's Republic of China has called for the abolition of the posts of chairman and vice-chairman in a clear attempt to wipe out the personality cult embodied by the late Mao Tse-tung and his cultural revolutionary insanity.

The document also urges the removal of class war from the list of the party's priorities which is an important landmark in Communist ideology to foment civil war and commotion. Its removal indicates a major departure by the ruling party from Communist dogma into more reasonable ways of peaceful coexistence and fair class competition.

The country of 1.000 million people has been the victim of various influences which have militated against its welfare and prosperity. The Communist ideology that Mao had imposed on it has backfired and together with the cultural revolution has made it one of the backward countries in the world. The collectivization of the forties and fifties led to loss of potential and the revolution cost the country a whole generation of progress when almost anything not of impeccable revolutionary purity was suspect and therefore subject to dismissal.

Perhaps, the new constitution will try to remedy all that and introduce a unique Chinese way of life, including government and economy. Communism is alien to the Chinese people and they have said so loudly and clearly. They said by refusing to give off their best for the ruling party with the result that China is a net importer of foodstuffs, whereas it could have become the granary of Asia. While Mao was disrupting life in the country, other countries of comparable size or smaller have become self-sufficient in food. Only galloping population has prevented them from actually exporting some of the surplus.

But all is not lost. China has already shed some of the glaring trappings of Communist ideology and more is to come. It has accepted to retain the free market enterprise of Hong Kong and offered to do the same with the Republic of China — Taiwan — in the event of unification.

These are significant concessions to be made by a Communist state and time may soon come when the mainland itself adopts greater liberalization measures and recognize the futility of communism as whole.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Riyad Monday called on the U.S. to recognize immediately the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinian people and initiate a direct dialogue with the organization to resolve the Middle East problem.

The paper said it was proper for the U.S. to announce immediately its recognition of the PLO and enter into a "direct dialogue without resorting to mediators because the Palestinians are one of the major parties to this problem."

"The new American Middle East peace proposals come at a time the Arabs are suffering from disintegration," it added.

Al-Jazirah urged Arab leaders to unite and not allow their differences to surface again after "defeats in the past." The paper believed the Fez summit was capable of forging a "new phase through a give-and-take attitude."

"The enemies of the Arab nation have found a golden chance in Arab differences to liquidate the nation," the paper said.

Olk said the Arab people have placed a great historic responsibility in their leaders to realize

Socialist plan may block Palme comeback

By Chris Mosey

STOCKHOLM — Olof Palme's hopes of a political comeback in this month's Swedish general election may be torpedoed by a Socialist plan that would allow for trade union takeover of private industry. He faces opposition from such diverse sources as Abba, the country's (and arguably the world's) No. 1 pop group, former Swedish world heavyweight boxing champion Ingemar Johansson, opera star Birgit Nilsson and Sweden's favorite TV weather forecaster, Miss Asa Boden.

In a nation where elections are normally exciting, the 1982 contest promises to be an exception. It could be the first time in 54 years that Sweden emerges with a Conservative prime minister, and the Communists could be eclipsed by a new Environmental Party, less because of their policies and more because of the damaging impact of repeated sightings (and one capture) of suspected Soviet submarines in neutral Swedish waters.

For Palme, whose international reputation has not been enhanced by his failure as United Nations mediator in the war between Iran and Iraq, the vote on Sept. 19 will be his supreme test. Having led the Social Democrats into two shock defeats in 1976 and 1979, it is doubtful his leadership can survive a third. The right-wing of the party has already sharpened its knives, touting the mild-mannered, less contentious Hans Gustafsson as a successor.

On paper it still looks good for Palme. The Social Democrats are well ahead in all public opinion polls but opposition is hardening to the party's plan for introduction of so-called wage-earner funds. These would be financed by the "excess" profits of successful companies and a small proportion of workers' wages and would be run by elected committees of trade unionists, buying up shares Swedish industry.

Swedish industry is bitterly opposed to the scheme and has harnessed an array of celebrities to convince the electorate that they should vote against it.

The Social Democrats owe their resurgent popularity to the present prime minister, Thorbjorn Falldin, and his dismal record in holding together successive coalition governments of his own Center Party with the Conservatives and Liberals. Falldin, a sheep farmer from the far north, has a charisma level of zero, and under his guidance the foreign debt is increasing at the staggering rate of \$250,000 an hour, borrowing made necessary to prop up a public sector which employs a third of the 4,500,000 work force.

Disenchantment with Falldin's Center Party and the Liberals, led by Foreign Minister Ola Ullsten, will also produce a bumper crop of votes for the Conservatives. If the non-Socialist parties do win, it is likely to be Conservative leader Ulf Adelsohn who will head the next government.

However Adelsohn's image remains sadly dented by a trip he made to the carnival in Rio de Janeiro last year during a government crisis. Despite his protestations that it was "the fulfillment of a boyhood dream," the incident, following as it did a visit to the South Seas during which he was photographed wearing a grass skirt, damaged his popularity with Swedes, who are not exactly famous for their ability to enjoy a joke.

Palme, on the other hand, has scored considerable points by graciously pleading with the state-owned TV company for the reinstatement of weather forecaster Asa Boden. She has been removed from the screen after publicly opposing the Social Democrat's wage-earner funds plan.

In such a finely balanced contest, Palme's gesture could prove decisive. Many Swedes hold Miss Boden personally responsible for this year's summer, the longest and hottest of the decade. (ONS)

Will peace initiative put U.S., Israel on collision course?

By Arthur Max

TEL AVIV —

The new American peace proposals for the Middle East pit the strength and prestige of U.S. President Ronald Reagan against the implacable will of Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin in a struggle that further undercutts Begin's already weakened alliance with the United States.

To Begin, Reagan's peace package was more than an unacceptable challenge to Israel's fundamental visions of peace with the Palestinians while retaining a foothold in the occupied West Bank. It also was a personal affront to this stiffly proud leader and sharpened the conflict with his political rivals in Israel, who give qualified support to the Reagan plan.

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The proposals speak of a freeze in Jewish settlements, participation in autonomy by the Palestinians, Palestinian control over internal security and a strong link between the Palestinians and Jordan. Israel said no to all these points and accused Reagan of predetermined negotiations on the final status of the occupied territories.

The opposition Labor Party, however, gave its support to the Reagan plan and said it would campaign for its acceptance. Party leader Shimon Peres called it "a proper step in the right direction." Labor's view is that the Palestinian question can be resolved only with Jordan and that Begin's hopes for incorporating the West Bank into Israel would mean that Arabs would eventually outnumber Jews in occupied Palestine.

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it possible for me to make many friends here. Saudis are teaching me their religion, customs and language. In spite of the recent carnage in Lebanon, in which Israeli forces used American-made offensive weapons against innocent women and children, I have never been abused verbally or physically. The deep anguish felt by all Arabs as a result of America's unqualified support for the Israelis has not been twisted into an ugly racist backlash, although Arabs would (by Ottoman standards) have a far greater reason to smash Americans' cars (and Americans' heads) than Ottomans have in smashing Saudis' cars (and Saudis' heads).

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1714 — France signs peace of Baden with Roman Empire whereby France keeps Alsace and Strasbourg.

1812 — Russians begin retreat after defeat by French at Borodino and begin to abandon Moscow.

1848 — Serfdom is abolished in Austria.

1901 — Peace of Peking ends boxer rebellion in China.

1939 — German Army overruns Pomerania and Silesia in Poland.

1945 — U.S. President Harry Truman, at end of World War II, receives surrender papers signed by Japanese aboard battleship Missouri.

1958 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev

Aftermath of Falklands War

Gibraltar border gates remain tightly closed

By William Tuohy

GIBRALTAR (LAT) — The road signs say "Spain Ahead" but at the frontier itself, beyond the great, hulking rock of Gibraltar, the border gates are tightly closed.

They were scheduled to be opened by Spain last April 20, setting the stage for talks between Britain and Spain on the future of the Rock and its 29,000 inhabitants. But the Falkland Islands war changed all that. Spain sided with Argentina. Madrid and London postponed the talks indefinitely and the frontier gates here at Gibraltar never opened.

Now, in the baking Iberian sun, a soldier of the Staffordshire Regiment patrols the British side of the fence, while a member of Spain's Guardia Civil stands a few yards distant. In this unfriendly atmosphere, the issue is not just the future of this crown colony but the full range of Anglo-Spanish relations, including Spain's pending application to join the European Economic Community and its recent acceptance in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"Britain will veto Spain's membership in the Common Market if the Spanish do not reopen the border," a senior diplomat here said. "For as Prime Minister (Margaret) Thatcher said, it is inconceivable that there could be a closed border between two European member states."

In the nearly three centuries that the British have held the Rock, relations between the two countries have been tested time and again over Spanish claims of sovereignty. When Francisco Franco ordered the frontier closed in 1969, the ties reached a low point, for the closure put a hard squeeze on Gibraltar.

Tourism, the colony's No. 2 income earner behind its military payroll, plummeted. Most visitors had come to the colony via Spain on European package tours, and the closed frontier left only the more expensive options of flying in or taking a boat from Morocco across the strait of Gibraltar.

Gibraltarians with relatives in Spain — and there are many — could no longer drive up for a visit but had to take roundabout trips to get to towns like La Linea just beyond the frontier.

Household work and other menial jobs that used to be taken by Spaniards could now be filled only by enticing Moroccans to make the trip from North Africa, a more expensive option.

Fresh foods, sent in from Spain before 1969, also must come by water now.

The Gibraltarian establishment does not like the situation. It wants the border open, good relations with Spain and the business that would follow. Others here would just as soon leave things as they are. They see Gibraltar as a comfortable, model society, isolated from some of the unpleasant aspects of modern life across the frontier.

Few Gibraltarians would like to become citizens of Spain, if the results of a 1967 referendum still hold generally true: 12,138 voters preferred to remain British, while 44 said they would accept Spanish sovereignty.

Sir Joshua Hassan, chief minister of the colony's 15-member elected assembly, said Franco miscalculated if he thought closing

the border could change Gibraltarian sentiment or force the British to give in on sovereignty.

"In Madrid," Hassan said, "they used to think Spain could live without Gibraltar. Of course, it didn't turn out that way."

With the help of government subsidies from London, Gibraltar survived the loss of tourists and other trade. The military payroll at the big British Navy base and dockyard kept things going.

"You can't blame the Gibraltarians for not wanting to join the Spanish fascist dictatorship," said Nicholas Bethell, a member of the British House of Lords and a supporter of self-determination for Gibraltar. "And Gen. Franco went about it all the wrong way. He should have kept the frontier open and encouraged closer relations between Spain and Gibraltar, offering higher education in Spain to the Gibraltarians."

"He then could have let nature take its course, and with an open border and a liberal Spanish policy, Gibraltar might have looked more favorably toward some formal political arrangement with Spain."

"As it is, Gibraltarians are forced to send their children to England for higher education, and this has strengthened their ties to Great Britain."

"Spain tried the nasty way instead of the nice way and has succeeded only in alienating the Gibraltarians."

Dismissing those who call Gibraltar a colonial anachronism that should be returned to Spain to eliminate tension between London and Madrid, Prime Minister Thatcher said recently she will uphold the 1969 Gibraltar constitution, which says the British government will never "enter into an agreement under which the people of Gibraltar pass under the sovereignty of another state against their freely and democratically expressed wishes."

Nor would the post-Falklands British parliament, which must vote on any change in Gibraltar's sovereignty, be likely to cede the Rock to Spain.

The British have occupied Gibraltar since 1704. It was ceded by Spain in 1713 in the Treaty of Utrecht, which Spain now claims was signed under duress.

The Rock was one of the pillars of Hercules to the ancient world. The name Gibraltar is a corruption of *Jebel Tariq*, or Mountain of Tariq, from the Moorish leader Tariq ibn Ziyad who built a castle on the Rock in A.D. 711.

Britain imported workers from Genoa, Malta and Portugal to colonize Gibraltar and to support its military activities there. Over the years, many of these immigrants took Spanish spouses, creating today's mixed-nationality Gibraltarian.

The issue in Gibraltar today is not whether the Rock should revert to Spanish rule but whether the frontier should be reopened. The later possibility had caused considerable optimism in commercial quarters here, particularly among businessmen involved in travel and tourism.

"We used to get about 800,000 tourists a year," said John Gaggero, whose family is involved in shipping, aviation and travel.



THE ROCK : A British airplane is seen here on Gibraltar's small airport. Following the Falklands War, the Rock has become an increased diplomatic problem.

That fell to 130,000 last year.

"We had forecast some 5,000 to 10,000 arrivals a day in the height of the season if the border was opened (in April), which could have meant as many as 1.5 million to 2 million tourists a year — which would have been an enormous lift to the economy."

Other Gibraltarians, however, would leave the border gates closed. Some fear that the colony could be affected by the high unemployment and crime rates that exist in the impoverished Andalusia region of Spain just across the border.

"You have to realize that Gibraltar has long been free of many of the problems that affect much of the Western world," one resident said.

"There's very little unemployment here, there is no drug problem, crime or violence to speak of, and most people have never driven a car faster than 20 miles an hour."

"Gibraltar is a peninsula about three miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide, but it is more like an island — and an isolated one at

that," the Gibraltarian said.

Britain, represented here by a London-appointed governor, has responsibility for Gibraltar's defense, foreign affairs and internal security. Domestic affairs are handled by the elected assembly and a council of ministers.

A high proportion of the work force is employed by the British military. About 2,000 work at the dockyard and naval base. In effect, the British government is subsidizing Gibraltar to the tune of about \$50 million a year through the payroll.

The British government, however, decided last year to phase out the naval dockyard here, with the loss of perhaps 1,000 jobs, leaving only the naval base.

"If we don't find a commercial operator for the dockyards, and the frontier remains closed, it will be an absolute disaster for the economy," said Hassan, the chief minister, who has been lobbying London to keep the dockyard open.

Joseph J. Bossano, a labor union leader and

head of the Socialist Labor Party, opposes even considering finding a civilian operator for the dockyard. Bossano believes that a commercial operation would have to cut shipyard workers' wages to compete with other Mediterranean yards.

"The Spanish rates are only half of the wages in our dockyard," he said, "and thus would be unacceptable to us." Bossano has said he would lead a strike of shipyard workers, or refuse to unload supplies from abroad if the dockyard goes commercial, a threat which Hassan calls Bossano's "scorched earth policy."

They say that if the border reopens, tourism will be a major industry," Bossano said. "But you don't turn a skilled shipwright into a tourist chef overnight."

Hassan and most of the rest of Gibraltar's establishment believe that only an open border can counter the economic effect of a closed dockyard.

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and who will get hired in factories, and they control local elections in many neighborhoods, seeing to it that people they trust are elected. Until recently, they even arranged marriages that served as alliances between clans.

Police say nearly every business in Palermo pays a "trajante," or protection money, to the Mafia to ensure that their stores are not bombed or burned.

The Mafia has killed 468 persons in Palermo province since 1975, and 60 percent of those crimes are unsolved. Many of the crimes take place in public squares in broad daylight, but witnesses are often too frightened to testify.

Prosecutors estimate that profits from the heroin traffic between Italy and the United States amounted to 4 trillion lire (\$3 billion) in the past five years. Much of that money, they say, is reinvested in construction in Sicily.

"The clear motivation for the murder was Dalla Chiesa's activity against the financial interests of the Mafia," Francesco Pellegrino, deputy police chief in Palermo, said Sunday.

The day before Dalla Chiesa was murdered, the government announced a crackdown on tax evasion by Mafiosi and by businessmen who have ties with them. What distinguishes the Mafia from ordinary criminals is the fact that its power extends far beyond the criminal world.

Italian journalists say Mafiosi control much of the lives of ordinary people: they decide who may open a store or a restaurant

Old woman aids sailors at Toledo

By Jack A. Seamonds

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — When the French ship *Penmarch* sailed into the Port of Toledo this week to on-load tons of grain bound for Spain, a tiny, tanned woman was on the docks to greet the vessel.

As soon as the big bow and stern lines were tied fast, Mrs. Katherine Leslie scrambled up the 70-foot gangplank to meet Capt. Yves Luce, commander of the *Penmarch*.

In the process, Mrs. Leslie slipped on the oily ladder and nearly spent her 71st birthday in the murky waters of Maumee Bay. "I almost went into the drink," she laughed later, brushing dirt from her white pants and navy blazer. Mrs. Leslie is the sole representative in Toledo of a worldwide agency called the Seamen's Service Organization. Operated mostly by volunteers, the organization provides hospitality, some transportation and shopping services for foreign sailors tied up in American ports.

In larger coastal cities, the Seamen's Service Organization maintains clubs and sleeping quarters for the sailors. In Toledo, the group is limited to Mrs. Leslie and her van, which carried foreign sailors into the downtown area. For the past 20 years, she's been on hand when Russian, French, Norwegian, Spanish, German and Dutch ships pulled into Toledo.

Mrs. Leslie says the ship visits have never been dull. There was the English captain, a World War II hero who dropped dead of a heart attack in Toledo on his first merchant marine trip. And the Greek who was thrown in jail after he tugged the arm of a woman in a shopping center, seeking directions. Then there were the Russians who wanted to buy blue jeans and wigs to take home.

Capt. Luce said, "In Europe, people don't seem as interested in coming aboard to help. Russia used to have a very good organization, but now foreign sailors are under the supervision of the government."

Mrs. Leslie operates the SSO in Toledo on about \$3,500 a year, mostly donations from shipping agents, import-export companies and commercial shippers. Often, the freighters that pull into Maumee Bay or carrying passengers, and Mrs. Leslie helps them too.

"The sailors all want to shop for certain things, the Russians wanted 'real levis' with the tags on them. No designer jeans. They bought all they could find."

"The Spanish sailors wanted four blood pressure machines, one for the officers, one for the sailors and two to take home. They checked their blood pressures the whole time they were in port."

Many of the sailors buy women's cosmetics to take back home to their wives. Mrs. Leslie said, and most buy gifts for their children. "I took the Spanish sailors to a drug store and they spent between \$200 and \$300 on toothpaste, cologne, shampoo and bubble bath."

When an Indian ship arrived from the Bay of Bengal, Mrs. Leslie recalled, the crew marched to the nearest supermarket and cleaned out the fresh fruits and vegetables. "They'd run out of vegetables in the Gulf of Mexico and we were the first stop they'd had."

When the British captain died, Mrs. Leslie took charge, called the coroner and wired the man's wife in England for instructions. After the body was cremated, Mrs. Leslie put the urn containing the captain's ashes on a plane home. "I still get letters from his wife," she said.

Some years ago, a Greek sailor got lost in a shopping center and feared he'd missed his ship. He didn't speak English and approached a Greek woman who was shopping, speaking in his native tongue. As she tried to walk away, the man tugged on her arm, appealing for help.

In the subsequent confusion, the sailor was taken away to jail. "He learned you never never stop someone in a shopping mall," said Mrs. Leslie, who bailed the man out at 2 a.m.

One advantage to SSO transportation is that the foreign sailors don't have to walk downtown after dark from the docks, a high crime area. When two Japanese officers tried it last year, they were beaten and robbed.

Mrs. Leslie says over the years, she's seen an increase in the number of women in the merchant marine. "And most of them have very responsible positions," she said. "One Finnish ship, the radio operator was a woman who had to compete with the men for the job. She was a bright one."

The only predictable sailors, Mrs. Leslie said, are the Russians. "The first thing they do is go to the (Toledo) zoo and talk to the bears," Mrs. Leslie said. "I don't know what it is they're saying, but the bears do — they always talk back."

Actor confesses

LONDON (AP) — Actor Laurence Olivier said in memoirs just published that the worst moment of his life was when he was told by his beautiful wife Vivien Leigh: "I don't love you any more."

The actress, who played Scarlett O'Hara in the film *Gone with the Wind*, delivered her confession after the famous couple returned to England from a tour of Australia in 1948.

Olivier recalls in his autobiography *Confessions of an Actor*, that he already knew on the tour that Vivien was "lost to me," because she was attracted to Australian actor Peter Finch. Despite the tense love triangle, Olivier was so impressed by Finch's acting ability that he got the Australian his first role in London, as the Vietnamese lover in James Bridie's play *Daphne Laureola*.

It was after Finch was settled in the role that Vivien Leigh told her husband how she felt about their marriage, although she claimed: "There's no one else or anything like that, I mean I still love him but in a different way, sort of, well like a brother."

"I felt as if I had been told that I had been condemned to death," Olivier writes. The memoirs appeared in the *Sunday Telegraph*, in the first of four extracts from Olivier's book.

1 Columbian in 100 has a bullet in future

By Geoffrey Matthews

BOGOTA (LOS) — Millions of urban Colombians live in a state of siege because of an ever escalating crime rate. Crime Colombian-style comes in every variety: murder, kidnapping, bank robberies, muggings, extortion, fraud, pick pocketing and counterfeiting.

Crime is of far more concern to ordinary Colombians than the big-time criminals who smuggle in most of the marijuana and cocaine consumed in the United States, or subversive groups like the April 19 Movement. The activities of both were used by the government to justify the state of siege — recently lifted — but it is the seemingly relentless spiral in the crime rate which alarms most Colombians.

Crime is a problem throughout the region but nowhere has it reached the proportions of Colombia. Enter Colombia from any direction — it has frontiers with Panama, Venezuela, Brazil and Ecuador — and you will be warned to guard your wallet, your luggage and your life.

The vast majority of the Colombian people are extremely honest and are themselves the first to warn you of the dangers. But for reasons which nobody seems to understand Colombia has a criminal underworld which is quite the most ruthless, bold and ingenious anywhere in Latin America.

Colombia's sensational tabloid newspapers each day blaze banner headlines over crime stories and publish front-page photographs of bullet-riddled victims. But the situation has become sufficiently alarming to merit a recent cover story in the respected weekly magazine *Semana*, which usually specializes in weightier political and economic matters.

The basic points of its story were that "la inseguridad" had now become the nation's No. 1 social problem, that law and order had broken down, that the justice system did not work, that crime was damaging the economy, and that it was the chief cause of the increasing flight of young professional people to the United States and Europe.

The last year for which murder figures are available is 1980 when, says the Ministry of Justice, there were 8,569 homicides totally unrelated to political violence. Many observers, *Semana* among them, doubt that figure. *Semana* calculates the annual murder rate at about 36,000 more than four times the official figure.

The difference between the figures can be explained by the fact that many murders simply go unreported because they occur in the most notorious big city slums which the police are loathe to enter or in equally lawless small rural communities hundreds of miles from the authorities. More than half the murders are committed with handguns, leading *Semana*, a magazine which rarely indulges in hyperbole, to calculate that "one Colombian in a hundred has a bullet in his future".

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If they do venture out of the city, there are other dangers. But stations now display war-warnings against accepting cigarettes, sweets or drinks from other passengers. Such gifts may be drugged, rendering one quickly unconscious and thus helpless against robbery.

Peso bills of high denominations are carefully scrutinized in most shops which often display examples of counterfeit notes. In recent years Colombian counterfeiters have turned their talents to forging dollar traveler's checks which the U.S. Treasury has credited with being the best quality and most professional forgeries it has ever seen. The main ring was badly hit by a wave of arrests two years ago after an impressive police operation, but the U.S. authorities have yet to be convinced that the ringleaders were caught.

The state of siege was first introduced by the armed forces when they staged a rare coup in the early 1950s to end a sectarian civil war between the Liberals and Conservatives in which an estimated 300,000 were killed.

It was lifted by the former Liberal President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala in what most observers regard as a largely cosmetic — and possibly cynical — political gesture to his successor, Conservative Belisario Betancur, who took office on Aug. 7. Many doubt Betancur can rule this country for long without reimposing the state of siege.

Houses and apartments have prison-like bars on every window and multiple locks on the doors. In Bogota, a chilly capital due to its high altitude, many home owners stay put at weekends rather than flee the city for nearby resorts in the low-lying tropics for fear they

will be burgled while away.

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To create new tools of chemotherapy

U.S. allows risky toxin gene experiment

By Philip J. Hiltz

WASHINGTON (WP) — The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has approved a gene-engineering experiment with one of the deadliest toxins known to man, prompting an uncomfortable debate among some scientists over the value of such experiments compared with their risks.

The study, as planned by John R. Murphy of the Harvard Medical School, would take the gene for diphtheria toxin and splice it into the genetic material of the common bacterium *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*).

Until recently, the planned experiment would have been prohibited by federal rules, unless special permission was taken. The stringent rules, stemmed from the hypothetical risk that such an experiment could result in a catastrophic new strain of bacteria that would be as common as *E. coli* and as lethal as diphtheria. If such a strain escaped from the laboratory, the result could be disastrous.

Scientists generally agree that such a possibility is in the realm of science fiction, but the Murphy experiment, approved under a recent relaxation of the rules, gave nervous quavers to some at NIH.

"It really upset me," said Dr. Mark R. Geier, an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University and a guest physician at NIH, who called the experiment the riskiest one

ever allowed by NIH. "If they don't reject this kind of experiment," Geier said, "what kind would they reject?"

The experiment had to be cleared with both the NIH committee on recombinant DNA and the NIH biosafety committee, either of which could forbid it.

The biosafety panel first voted unanimously against the experiment. Later the group reversed itself and voted unanimously to approve it. The committee on recombinant DNA unanimously approved it the first time around.

Murphy's work will be carried out in a high-containment laboratory at Ft. Detrick, Md., and is intended to determine what risks there may be in such experiments, as well as answering two basic questions: Whether *E. coli* will accept the toxin gene and be able to make toxin with it, and whether the toxin would be secreted once made.

Geier acknowledged that the risk of the experiment is extremely small, "one in a billion or something," but he felt the potential benefit of Murphy's experiments was not great enough to justify it.

Members of the biosafety committee agreed that the risk is minuscule, but they disagreed with Geier's assessment of the importance of Murphy's work.

Dr. Carl Merrill of the National Institutes of Mental Health, a member of the committee, said the group agreed that the experiment

should not be permitted for risk assessment alone.

"But once we realized how important the work was, what the benefit was, I don't think there were any more doubts about it," Merrill said.

The experiment would be the first in a series Murphy plans to do with diphtheria toxin, in a long term attempt to create new tools of chemotherapy. The hope is that diphtheria toxin, which is a potent cell-killer, can be targeted specifically to attack unwanted cells in the body, such as those in tumors while leaving others untouched.

In addition, it is possible that the experiments would lead to a new set of tools in a field that might be called "molecular anatomy" physical structure at the level of molecules.

For example, if the toxin were linked to a hormone whose sites of action in the body are unknown, the hormone-toxin pair would go to all those sites in an animal's body and kill the cells, thus providing a map of the hormone's action sites.

Doing something like that in the brain might disrupt only the behavior linked to the hormone or brain chemical being tested, thus giving a map of the chemical's action spots in the brain and their behavioral importance.

The biosafety committee will monitor the experiments, said John Irwin, executive secretary of the committee. If it turns out that

the E. coli does make the toxin and kills the laboratory animals, Murphy's experiments will be halted.

Geier acknowledged that the danger he perceives in the experiment is not so much from the bacteria escaping the high-containment lab, but "what I worry about is someone stealing some of it."

"After all, even if the risk is small, this experiment is potentially dangerous, potentially deadly to every mammalian species on the planet," he said. "This means it is more dangerous than a nuclear weapon if the risk realizes the potential of what it could be."

The chances of that are slight. To begin with, the strain of *E. coli* used in genetic experiments is a crippled strain that cannot live long outside the laboratory. In addition, *E. coli* has no mechanism to deliver poison to the body. So if the experiment demonstrated that *E. coli* can make the diphtheria toxin, and that it can devise some mechanism to excrete it into the intestines of the animal it lives in, it would have to live there for some time and produce enough toxin to cause to illness or death in the animal. (In previous risk-assessment experiments the same strain of *E. coli* could not survive 72 hours in the stomach.)

Powerful magnet used to see through human body

Dr. Oleg Jarrettzky, a physician and pharmacologist who leads Stanford's Magnetic Resonance Laboratory, said the technique has proven safe for humans.

The technique works this way: the nuclei of many atoms spin like tops, creating tiny magnetic fields. When the nuclei are exposed to much more intense magnetism, they all align themselves in the same direction, much like the needle of a compass.

When the NMR magnet stops putting out its field, the nuclei resume their original orientation. In the process, they give up energy in the form of an electrical signal. Each element has a different resonance — a different signal — and computers can sort the signals to give a look at the compounds that make up different body parts, discarding what is not of interest at the moment.

NMR holds promise for doctors monitoring the course of patient therapy, said Dr. George Radda, an Oxford University biochemist. At his laboratory, human kidneys are evaluated to see if they contain healthy tissue before transplanted in patients with kidney failure. "There is absolutely no doubt that this is a completely new way of studying the human patient, and therefore it cannot fail to prove a most valuable new tool in medicine," he said.

Malaysia cracks down on drug traffickers

By Granville Watts

among more than 5,000 people detained in nationwide crackdown on drugs launched last year. Ten were Australians, 18 were Thais and 8 were from Singapore. The rest were from France, Pakistan, Indonesia, Britain, West Germany, Ireland, New Zealand and Argentina.

So far this year 8 Malaysians have been executed for trafficking and another 28 are on death row. In the most recent hangings in Kuala Lumpur's Padu Awam, the country's largest jail, two Malaysians, truck driver Chuan Cheng Eng, 31, and Ton Chin Heng, 38, were executed for trafficking in about one kilogram of heroin.

Ironically, they had been sentenced to life imprisonment and 14 strokes of the cane by the Penang high court last October. They appealed against their conviction and sentence but their appeals were dismissed by the federal court which substituted the death sentence in view of the amount of heroin involved.

"Some people say they would have been alive today had they not appealed but we think the government itself would have appealed to substitute the death sentence anyway," a lawyer said.

Much of the heroin and other drugs to be found in Malaysia come from across the border in southern Thailand. Numerous trucks travel between Songkhla in southern Thai-

land and the Malaysian border state of Kedah. Police say it would be physically impossible to search them unless they had definite information that drugs were being carried.

Narcotics agents say there are also jungle routes along the Thai-Malaysian border which smugglers could use for drug trafficking. Drug officials said there had been a glut in the drug market in Malaysia since last year because of recent west Asian inroads into European and American markets.

Cheaper heroin from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and Turkey — the so-called "golden crescent" — has led to a 25 percent drop in the price of heroin in Malaysia, drug officials said. As more drugs have found their way here from the "golden triangle" of Thailand, Burma and Laos, Malaysia has expanded its antinarcotic squad to nearly 3,000 men.

Despite these measures official estimates are that Malaysia, with a population of 13 million, has more than 40,000 addicts.

Drug officials said competition from west Asia had made the Australian market an even more attractive prospect for the Southeast Asian syndicate. But this appears to be borne out by an increasing number of Australians arrested in Malaysia for carrying drugs, especially on the resort island of Penang.

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THE TASTE FOR SALT



By Peter J.

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content on package labels, especially of canned foods. Consider you've done a good deed in writing your letter, Mrs. C. It will help many hypertensives control their blood pressure.

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(Replies to and from readers):

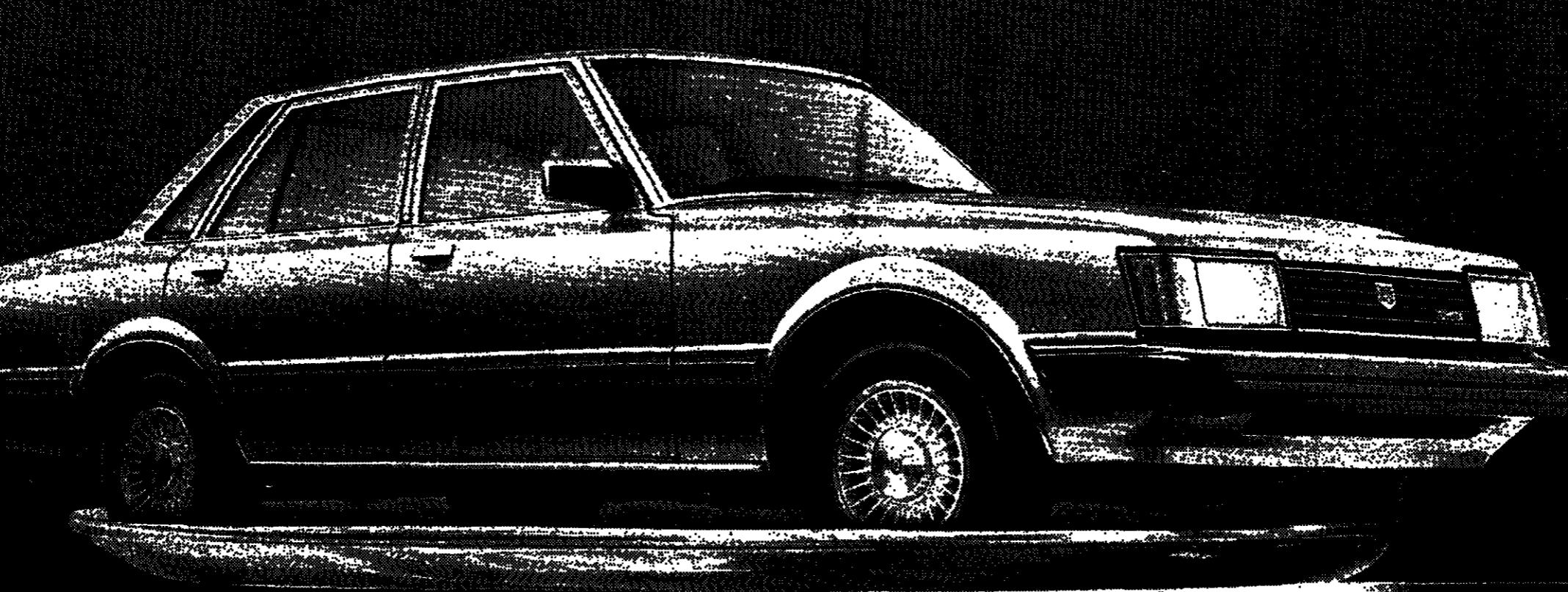
For Mrs. G.: I agree that personal care of the cancer patients should not be bypassed. I'd like to quote from a letter of the *JAMA* (7/2/82) by Janet M. Kaye, Ph. D. of the Medical College of Philadelphia: "It is important for the physician to remember that there is much he can offer a terminally ill patient with cancer. He must recognize the importance of communication."

Most patients do not ask directly about their prognosis. They do so indirectly. The physician must realize that the fear of death is less important to the patient than fear of the process of dying.

Visiting with the patient daily and talking with him honestly can be tremendously supportive. It is ignorance of what is going on and uncertainty that breed anxiety. The physician should take time to sit down, even if it is only for a short time. The words and actions do not have to promise cure, but rather to be caring and reassuring."

Why not call this letter to the attention of the doctor who is treating your husband for cancer, Mrs. G. (I also hope that many other doctors read today's column.)

(Tomorrow: Hypnosis not a 'cure-all')



or aching joints, back pain, colitis and stomach ulcers

Ailing Soviet workers get 'climato-therapy', mud, mineral baths

By Robert Gillette

ATIGORSK, U.S.S.R. (LAT) — From dusty streets and manicured lawns, the landscape sweeps a majestic slope to the flat green steppes past the fetid mud of Lake Tambukan, beyond to the distant white cone of 10-foot Mount Elbrus, Europe's highest

where else, Lake Tambukan — which is "bad smell" in one of the local languages of the Caucasus Mountains — might be seen as an unfortunate blemish on an otherwise magnificent landscape.

The small round lake and its tons of sulfurous mud are a valued and fully protected national resource with no mining allowed, according to Dr. Nikolai Sivieiev, director of the all-union Scientific Institute of Resortology and Balneology. This is the Soviet science of mud and

mineral baths.

Soviet doctors firmly believe that Lake Tambukan's mud — which looks, feels and smells like the goo that comes out of a clogged drain at the end of a plumber's snake — is richly endowed with minerals, "vitamin complexes" and anti-bacterial properties that make it a unique medical treasure.

"Mud cures sterility in women," a resort official in Pyatigorsk asserts. It is also credited with relieving aching joints, back pain, colitis and stomach ulcers.

At no small expense to the state, 14,000 tons of Lake Tambukan's mud are dredged up each year, packed in special pressurized containers to preserve the musty gases, and shipped to trade union health spas around the country, to be swabbed on the bodies of ailing Soviet workers.

This faith in the curative properties of mud exemplifies the power of tradition in Soviet medical care. Procedures long ago aban-

doned in the West survive and even flourish alongside modern treatment techniques.

Special state farms, for instance, are dedicated to growing medicinal herbs. Popular health magazines still tell readers how to prepare mustard plasters for chest colds.

Many hospitals capable of providing up-to-date care also routinely practice cupping, the ancient technique of drawing malevolent humors from the body by applying warm glass cups to the skin.

Similarly, while few medical researchers in the West put stock in the 18th- and 19th-century fashions of mud and mineral baths, balneology is big business here, drawing a share of the state's scarce medical resources that is far from trivial.

In a country where such basic items as antibiotics, anesthetics, surgical thread and hypodermic needles are in chronically short supply, the Soviet state, through its centrally controlled trade unions, spends hundreds of millions of rubles each year on a system of "balneological sanatoriums" located in 19 resort centers along the Black Sea coast, in the Caucasus mountain region, the Baltic republics, Central Asia and Siberia.

Four million people a year stream through Sochi, armed with permission slips from doctors at home and vouchers from work for inexpensive, state-subsidized rest cures that last 24 days. On a bright summer day recently, thousands of vacationers dozed on wooden pallets on the pebbly beach, strolled about the picturesque town, or sat on park benches comparing experiences with exotic-sounding cures.

Most sanatoriums offer "oxygen cocktails," a frothy blend of honey, egg white, spices and a blast of air. One Sochi sanatorium claims that all its 170 rooms are equipped with "radio pillows" for treatment by "hypno-psychotherapy," using special programs broadcast from the sanatorium's center of psychotherapeutic suggestion.

Another spa in Sochi says it uses "radiobiotelemetry" to diagnose its patients and features a funicular railway leading to the beach to let patients supplement their mud cures and psychotherapy with "climato-therapy" — otherwise known as sun and the tranquil sound of the surf.

Matsesta, the country's largest balneological spa, nestled in a forested cleft in the hills above Sochi, specializes in pungent hydrogen sulfide baths. Stalin is reputed to have built a hideaway in the hills above Matsesta with a pipeline running up from its naturally sulfurous mineral springs.

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"In the West, balneology is not in fashion, but here it is of great interest," Dr. Alina A. Kubzin, the spa's deputy chief physician, observed. Matsesta, she explained, is the checken language word for "fiery water," a name derived not from its temperature or taste — the water is tepid and undrinkable — but for the rosy hue it imparts to the skin after

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Lenin, whose mother and sister were partial to mud baths, issued a decree in 1919 protecting "places with curative properties," thereby assuring balneology a permanent position in the pantheon of Soviet medicine.

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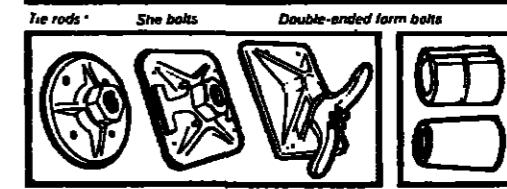
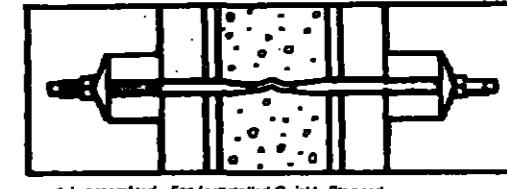
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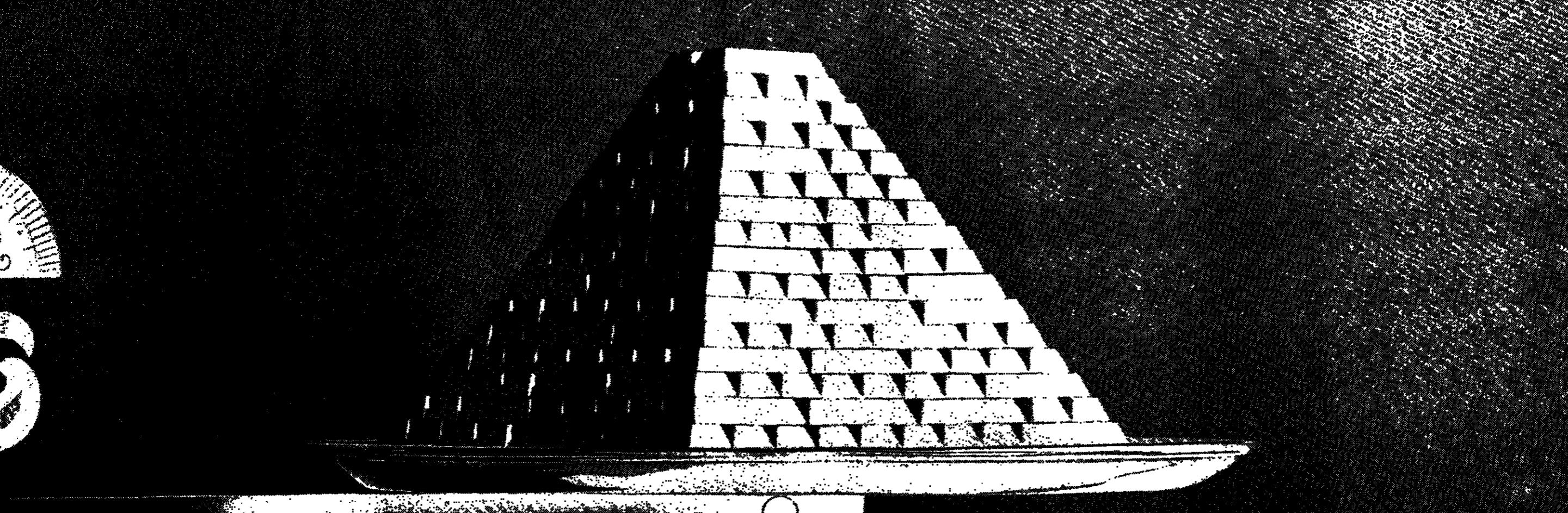
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With bank nationalization

Mexico takes steps toward recovery

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 6 (AP) — President Jose Lopez Portillo's populist-inspired seizure of the nation's banking system takes effect Monday with pledges of more equitable money rates and a plea to avoid panic withdrawals from bank accounts.

But Lopez Portillo must still show international investors that the country can solve its severe economic troubles and convince the Mexican public that the government can run the banking system better than the private sector.

Mexico needs to raise billions of dollars this year to make payments on its \$80 billion foreign debt, the largest in the developing world. The banks were to open for business with Lopez Portillo set to hoist the Mexican flag atop the headquarters of the Bank of Mexico, symbolizing the first day of state-controlled banking.

Also in effect would be a new, artificially high exchange rate for the peso, freezing the currency at 50 to the dollar for importers of basic foods and other essential goods and at 70 pesos to the dollar for everyone else.

The peso closed at 115 for sellers and 120 for buyers in U.S. trading on Friday and has plunged as low as 250 to the dollar since an Aug. 5 devaluation. If the 70 peso rate sticks, it will help importers and others who must pay debts outside the country. But it will end the boom for tourists.

The newly appointed director of the Bank of Mexico, Carlos Tello Macias, appealed for calm over the weekend, trying to avert a possible run of withdrawals from the banks. To instill confidence, the Bank of Mexico

Peking seeks big rise in coal output

PEKING, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Communist China hopes to double its current coal output, about 600 million tons a year, by the end of the century. New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Monday.

NCNA said that this ambitious goal, set by the coal industry ministry, could only be reached with a continuous rise in output, greater safety in the mines and increased productivity.

China produced 620 million tons of coal in both 1980 and 1981, a drop from its 1979 output of 635 million tons. This year's target is 625 million tons.

A coal ministry official announced a major effort over the next few years to mechanize work in the pits so that 56 percent of operations would be mechanized by the end of the century.

He also stressed that new mines would be built at greater speed, with priority to eastern and northern China, also the provinces of Shanxi, Hebei, Henan and Guizhou.

announced an end to service charges on checking accounts, a reduction in interest on loans and an increase in interest on savings accounts from 4.5 to 20 percent.

Lopez Portillo, serving the last three months of a six-year term, last week blamed Mexico's severe recession and the flight of billions of dollars to the United States on bankers "who want to leave with the treasury in their hearts." Bankers rejected the charges, but said they would not fight the takeover.

The bank seizure and the order for strict money controls has heightened anxiety about how the country can manage to make the payments on its massive debt.

Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog won a 90-day reprieve from making debt payments last month after meeting with 115 bankers in New York as the nation hovered on the brink of bankruptcy and default.

The United States already has provided millions of dollars in credits and a \$1 billion advance on oil payments to ease Mexico's cash problems.

But analysts are doubtful about a key link in the recovery plan — negotiations underway with the International Monetary Fund for an interest-free \$4 billion bail-out loan. The IMF directives oppose currency controls such as those imposed along with the bank expropriation.

Tiny Rwanda noted for economy & saving

GISENYI, Rwanda, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Rwanda, deep in the heart of Africa, is sometimes compared to Switzerland with banana trees and where the horns on the cows are a little longer. It is now run by a Belgian.

It is in fact one of the poorest countries of the world, but its mountain population of about five million, whose little country has an average altitude of 1,700 meters, has a reputation for economy and saving.

Foreign diplomats eulogize the "wise" economic policies of the Rwandan authorities, whose state has more foreign exchange reserves in terms of monthly exports than most other African countries. Only 4 percent of export revenue goes to service debts, and some diplomats even go so far as to regret that the authorities do not borrow more to develop this essentially agricultural country.

The Rwandan franc, linked to the U.S. dollar, is for the moment a strong currency. Like Switzerland, Rwanda also has its lake, Lake Kivu, whose white geese are reminiscent of the swans of Lake Geneva. The lake even has on its shores a hotel Edelweiss. This picture postcard building, chalet-

France vows to pursue tough policy

PARIS, Sept. 6 (AFP) — French Premier Pierre Mauroy has said that a policy of economic "rigor" would be pursued in France over the next 18 months, but that the objective of social improvements remained unchanged.

Mauroy pledged that the French franc would be maintained within the European Monetary System and said no new devaluation of the currency was being envisaged.

The premier made his statements in Lille, northern France, before a panel of newsmen in a radio interview. Mauroy is mayor of Lille. The reference to continued rigor over 18 months was taken to mean by observers that after the current freeze on prices and wages ends in the autumn, the government will continue close monitoring of both.

When the freeze ends, Mauroy specified, priority for wage raises would be given to low incomes, whereas increases in top salaries would be limited. Buying power would on average be maintained at the end of 1983, the premier promised.

He said the government intended developing "a mixed economy" where a balance would be struck between the private and public sectors, and announced that as part of the high-priority "war on unemployment" the draft age for young Frenchmen would be lowered from 19 to 18 years. French unemployment stands at about 2 million jobless.

The premier also announced plans for an international conference on workers' rights to be held here next May.

arab news Economy**Hopes rest on Soviets**

Freight market looking up

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AFP) — The first positive signs of an autumn recovery on the freight market began to appear last week, accompanied by rumors of Soviet demand and grain charterers keen to book forward loadings.

But business overall remained limited with trading in London curtailed by Monday's bank holiday.

The long-awaited enquiry from the Soviet Union, with its need to import as much as 46 million tons of grain in its forthcoming program, was said to have appeared in London although this was later denied.

Shipowners are setting great store by the expected demand from this quarter, although much will depend on the amount of tonnage required from each of the major suppliers — Australia, Canada, Argentina, France and the United States. Rates in the north Atlantic sector showed some improvement in the grain trades, with a 75,000-tonner being paid between \$6.25 and \$7.75 a ton for three voyages starting this month, which compared with the year's low of \$5.70 paid the week before. The 50,000-tonners on the same route were paid \$6.80 a ton, up 55 cents.

Swiss prices up

BERN, Sept. 6 (R) — Swiss consumer prices rose 0.8 percent in August compared with 0.4 percent July, the Federal Office of Industry, Trade and Labor said.

Year on year inflation slowed to 5.2 percent in August compared with 6.0 percent in July, it added. The index, base 1977, stood at 123.9 in August compared with 123.0 in July.

The Chinese made a brief appearance, booking a couple of vessels on the time-charter section. Indian charterers, looking for vessels to carry the purchase of 2.5 million tons of U.S. grain, were said to have raised their ideas, but it is believed that owners are holding out for more. In the fertilizer trade, a new four-year low was established with \$10.75 a ton paid by these charterers out of Aqaba.

Sugar cargoes attracted attention, with widespread enquiry circulating, although few details emerged.

Little was seen of the Japanese last week, but the \$13.85 a ton grain cargo from the U.S. Gulf compared very favorably with the \$50 for the larger vessels couple of weeks earlier.

South Korean interest mainly revolved around coal cargoes, but again little was known. The only business reported in this trade concerned trun, trans-Atlantic from U.S. Atlantic to Europe, where a 70,000-tonner accepted \$4.55 a ton, which showed a marginal improvement for fixtures in mid-August.

3 Kuwaiti firms defer issue of alien dinar bond

KUWAIT, Sept. 6 (R) — The three main Kuwaiti issuing houses postponed until probably next year any further Kuwaiti dinar bonds for foreign borrowers because of market conditions, broking sources said.

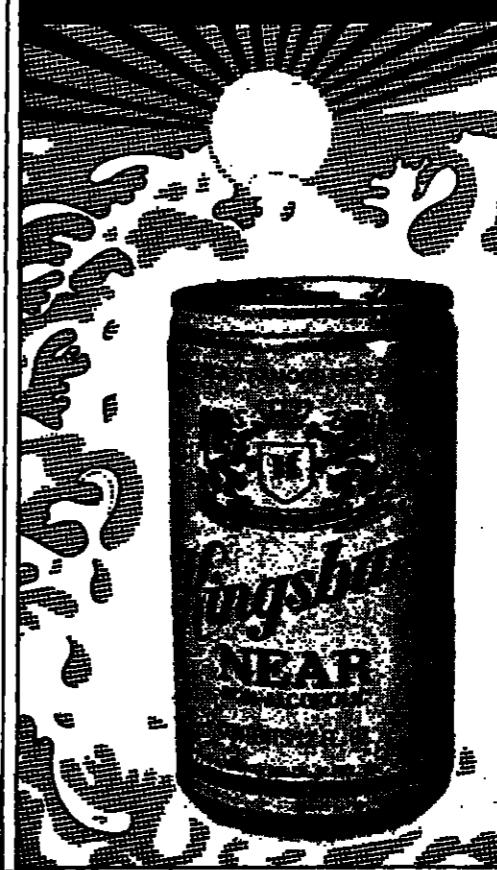
Three issues had been planned for later this year, but falling dollar interest rates had made them unattractive in relation to dinar rates, they said. Six bonds for foreign borrowers totaling about 35 million dinars were issued this year.

The houses, Kuwait International Investment Co., Kuwait Investment Co., and Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Co., have written to the central bank telling it about the decision, the sources said.

The sources calculated that a triple-a-rated borrower issuing a bond yielding around 13.25 percent in dollars could expect to pay 13 percent for a comparable dinar issue in the current market.

The traditional differential has been a dinar rates to be one to 1½ percentage points below dollar rates, they added.

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Raps trade reciprocity call**IMF flays U.S. budget deficits**

TORONTO, Sept. 6 (AP) — The United States' budget deficits were criticized Monday in the annual report of Jacques de Larosiere, the Frenchman who manages the International Monetary Fund.

De Larosiere endorsed recent U.S. tax increases, but added that the United States must do more to put its budget "back on a sound footing."

De Larosiere's report was prepared for the opening session of the IMF's annual meeting, which it holds jointly with the World Bank.

He said other countries could also reduce their budget deficits to encourage saving and growth. But he called U.S. policy important because of its international implications.

Many governments believe that high budget deficits in the United States keep interest rates high and thus hurt their economies. De Larosiere also criticized calls in the United States Congress for reciprocity in trade, which would limit trade advantages enjoyed in the United States by other countries to the extent that American businesses enjoy similar advantages in those countries.

De Larosiere had some sharp words for the expansionary fiscal policies of Socialist French President Francois Mitterrand, although he did not mention Mitterrand or France by name. "Recent experience shows that when this approach was tried it was unsuccessful," he said. "Such a shift runs the serious risk of aggravating inflationary expectations and ratcheting the economy to an

even higher rate of inflation that, in due course, can only lead to a still too costly process of adjustment in terms of unemployment."

A.W. Clausen, the American president of the World Bank, concentrated his annual report on the plight of the developing countries, whose situation he called unacceptable.

He added, however, "I believe that it is not inappropriate to express cautious optimism — even at this difficult point in time." Clausen explained that the "development process" is working rates of investment have been maintained at top levels in poor countries since 1973 and, the global trade system remains "relatively free."

He cited North Yemen, Indonesia and India as examples of how interest-free loans, granted by the bank's International Development Association have worked to improve living standards.

Meanwhile, representatives of 146

governments, including the United States, agreed Sunday that the poorest countries of the world need more aid.

A statement issued at the end of the day-long session said that this year and last many of the poor countries that have to import oil will see a decrease in the real income of their average citizen. It called this a "disturbing situation."

It recommended: "For the industrial countries, priorities would be the restoration of their own economic health and sustained growth, continuing and hopefully increasing the flow of aid to the poorest developing countries."

"For the developing countries the priorities would include increasing levels of domestic savings and investments, greater efficiency in the use of capital, strengthening of general economic management, greater emphasis on agriculture and special attention to the poverty alleviation programs."

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Call to raze trade barriers

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP) — Western trade officials and business corporations called Monday for industrialized nations to reverse protectionist trade policies.

If the protectionist policies are not reversed, what happened in the 1930s could happen again," said conference chairman Kenneth Durham, head of the Independent Trade Policy Research Center of Britain.

The meeting was organized to get broad agreement against protectionism, the economic system of protecting domestic products by taxing imported goods, before a meeting next month in Geneva of the 86-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. GATT was established in 1948 to lay down free trade ground rules. It covers more than four-fifths of world trade.

Durham said delegates agreed that GATT nations should take specific steps to reduce protectionist policies.

It must be done by the three major blocs, the United States, the European Community and Japan," said Durham, adding that it will try to get Western governments to realize that protectionism is about the worst way of behaving."

U.K. union raises banner of revolt

BRIGHTON, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Britain's Trades Union Congress (TUC) began its annual congress here Monday in a mood for a showdown over the government's plans to curb trade union rights.

TUC President Alan Sapper accused Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her cabinet of trying to "emasculate the unions so that there would be no effective fight back against the government's monetarist policies."

The unions are fighting tooth-and-nail against legislation being prepared by Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit to outlaw closed-shop agreements whereby only union

members are eligible for jobs.

Tebbit also wants to outlaw "solidarity" strikes by one union in support of another, and to enforce secret ballots throughout the trade union movement. The legislation could be passed by parliament toward the end of the year. The 1980 law already gives employers the means to take trade unionists to court for calling solidarity strikes.

In defiance of this law, the TUC has called all workers to down tools for at least one hour on Sept. 22 in support of striking health workers.

But trade union leftists, particularly the mineworkers' union have already urged that this stoppage be turned into a one-day general strike. And several trade union leaders, particularly in the militant transport unions, have declared they are ready to go to prison rather than pay fines for transgressing the anti-solidarity law.

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Oil prices record rise in Rotterdam

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 6 (R) — Saudi Arabian light crude oil was quoted at around \$32.50 to \$33 a barrel following a report from Iraq it destroyed two tankers approaching Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal, market sources said.

Saudi Arabian light oil was quoted at between \$32.25 and \$32.50 a barrel last Tuesday. But the sources were mostly skeptical of the Iraqi report. They said no confirmation had been forthcoming from tanker owners. Iran denied the report.

The sources said the market was nervous about increasing tensions in the Gulf and the possible drying up of supplies from that region. There is marked nervousness from the U.S. particularly, they said.

One operator said there was an unconfirmed report that Saudi Arabian oil traded up to \$33.20 a barrel into the U.S. on Friday. They said when the U.S. market opens Tuesday the price of Saudi Arabian light may be boosted further.

The sources expected little activity on the market Monday as operators waited for the U.S. market to open. One operator said two VLCCs of Iranian oil traded late last week but details of the trade were unavailable. Another trade in Iranian oil was not concluded because of the rise in freight market rates caused by the Gulf conflict, he added.

The meeting was highly critical of the European Economic Community, describing it as a "major protectionist bloc", particularly in agriculture. "Japan is as bad" he added.

Among individual subjects discussed was the massive indebtedness of some developing countries, the crisis developing on the foreign exchange markets, and the dangers to the banking systems in the event of countries defaulting.

The Soviet gas pipeline attracted some discussion, Durham said but there was no consensus from the meeting as to the likely solution. Likewise the U.S./European steel dispute was mentioned.

The standstill in the "smokestack" industries (an American expression for the coal iron ore and other staple industries) was examined.

Hong Kong was "very hot" on the textile question, wanting research and development on current trade barriers.

Italian inflation soars to 17.2%

ROME, Sept. 6 (R) — Italian consumer prices for families of workers and office employees rose 1.8 percent in August after a 1.5 percent rise in July, the National Statistics Institute, Istat, said.

Year-on-year consumer price inflation rose to 17.2 percent from 15.9 percent in July.

The index, base 1980, rose to 140.5 in August from 138.0 in July and 119.9 in August 1981, Istat said.

The institute said the quickening in the inflation rate partly reflected government measures adopted in late July to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement.

These included increases in some rates of valued added tax and higher prices for petrol, electricity, heating oil and newspapers.

In particular, electricity tariffs rose 3.1 percent and food prices rose 1.2 percent, Istat said.

The year-on-year rate rose for the second successive month from a low of 15.2 percent recorded in June. Economists, in immediate reactions, said the latest figures underlined growing doubts over the government's ability to achieve its anti-inflationary targets.

Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, seeking to negotiate with the Italian trade unions an agreed moderation in wage claims, has set a 16 percent inflation rate target for this year, and 13 percent for 1983.

BP Oil sustains \$53 million loss

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AFP) — BP Oil, British Petroleum's refining and oil product marketing arm for Britain and Ireland, lost 31 million pounds (\$53 million) over the first half of the year, the firm announced here Monday.

Over the corresponding period last year, BP Oil lost 58 million pounds (\$100 million).

The firm's administrators attributed the "unsatisfactory" result to low profit margins despite the recent rise of the pump price. The loss does not include the expenses of winding up two of BP's four refineries, which was ordered to cut out excess refining capacity.

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Financial Roundup**Dollar rates remain stable**

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Sept. 6 — The U.S. dollar opened fairly steady on the European exchanges Monday. Trading was quiet though with dealers awaiting for fresh development out of the New York markets when these reopened on Tuesday night after Monday's Labor day holidays in the U.S.

Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm in quiet trading, with the one-month rate fluctuating around 11 5/16 percent, while the key 3 month rate fluctuated at 11 1/4 percent levels. Short-term rates fluctuated more erratically around 10 1/4-10 1/2 percent for the one week, with the markets showing nervousness over the short-term trends for dollar interest rates. The Federal Reserve's actions will be closely watched this coming week to see if the "Fed" is sticking to its recent policy of allowing U.S. dollar interest rates creep up again, especially in the short periods.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver

prices rose sharply in hectic trading, with London and Zurich taking the cue from Hong Kong dealings. Silver was more actively dealt and rose to \$9.30 levels before profit-taking pushed the price down to 9.18 on closing. This compares very favorably with \$8.70 levels Friday in New York. Gold prices also rose to trade at \$465 levels after opening at \$452 early in London. The outlook is for continuing volatility.

On the local exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4402/08 levels, but later rose to 3.4405/12 levels in some active

BRIEFS

STRASBOURG, (AFP) — Pakistan came under the spotlight at the European fair here Monday when Pakistani Ambassador to France Jamsheed Marker officiated at the fair's "Pakistani day." As part of a determined trade push into France, Pakistan is taking part in the fair for the second consecutive year. It is concentrating on selling furniture, carpets, textiles, jewelry and other handicrafts. The Pakistani stand is also now a feature at the Bourdeaux and Marseilles trade fairs.

WASHINGTON, (R) — U.S. labor leaders assailed President Ronald Reagan's economic program and urged a complete change of course in his policy to pull the

nation out of recession. Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO labor federation, said the "massive and terrible" unemployment rate demanded urgent attention.

BANGKOK, (AP) — Air mail service between India and Cambodia will be re-established Sept. 15. The mail will be routed via Vietnam, with which the Phnom Penh government has close links. India is one of the few non-Soviet bloc nations that recognizes the Phnom Penh government.

LONDON, (R) — The World Bank is raising \$250 million through a five year eurobond, lead manager Deutsche Bank's London branch said.



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Pinero, Peete grab golf crowns

SUNNINGDALE, Sept. 6 (AP) — Spain's Manuel Pinero hit a record 63 final round to take the 20,000 pounds (\$204,000) first prize at the European Golf Open here Sunday.

Pinero, who was 30 on Wednesday, finished on a seven under par 266 this 6,563 yard course. The small Spaniard, only five foot seven inches, shared third place, two strokes from leading Scotsmen Sam Torrance and Sandy Lyle at the start of play Sunday morning and after a magnificent round finished two strokes ahead of Torrance who had a final round of 67. Lyle shared third place with Australian Greg Norman.

A former caddie from Madrid, Pinero was

Expos slip past Braves

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (AP) — Rick Mahler and Gene Garber combined to hold Montreal to just one hit — Al Oliver's leadoff homer in the second inning — but the Atlanta Braves lost 2-1 Sunday to the Expos when an error by shortstop Rafael Ramirez allowed the winning run to be scored with two out in the ninth inning.

Ramirez booted a routine grounder by Gary Carter, allowing Andre Dawson to score from third base. Winner Steve Rogers, 16-7, fired a six-hitter, striking out eight and walking one. Mahler went seven innings, allowing only Oliver's homer. He walked four and struck out two.

Garber, 7-7, who relieved to start the eighth, hit Dawson with a pitch with one out in the ninth. Dawson stole second and advanced to third on Oliver's groundout. Carter followed with a grounder to Ramirez, who bobbled the ball and threw late to first as Dawson scored. The Braves had tied the score in the eighth on Dale Murphy's RBI single.

Elsewhere in the National League, Mike Schmidt and George Vukovich hit homers off Nolan Ryan in a three-run sixth to trigger Philadelphia past Houston 4-3.

Pittsburgh right fielder Doug Frobol lost Greg Brock's high fly in the sun with one out and the bases loaded in the 10th inning and the ball dropped for a single to give Los Angeles a 2-1 victory over the Pirates.

Champ Summers' two-out pinch single

South Korea surprises U.S.

SEOUL, Sept. 6 (AP) — The Dominican Republic outplayed Canada 18-8 on the second day of the World Amateur Baseball Championships Sunday, while The United States were beaten 2-1 by hosts South Korea.

The Dominicans were on top form and although the Canadian side changed their pitcher five times they could make no impression on their opponents. The game was called off at the end of the eighth inning.

In other matches Japan routed Australia 7-1, the Netherlands edged Panama 6-5 and Taiwan beat Italy 2-0. The Japanese outhit the Australians, who won a face-saving run in

disappointed not to find himself in the top group for the final round, a position he thought he had earned by his play Friday. "I was playing so well and confidently I thought I would put a lot more pressure on the other players if I were with them. It upset me a bit and I think, with the two last groups so close together, the crowd from behind cost me a couple of shots on the outward half."

With nine holes to play, Pinero was five strokes behind Torrance but the elegant and courageous Spaniard, with his concentration at a peak, played the inward half in only 30 shots, against 37 by the Scot.

Greg Norman won 6,760 pounds for his share of third place which leaves him still

some 16,000 pounds ahead at the top of the European order of merit.

Meanwhile Calvin Peete survived a double bogey on the first hole Sunday and later got it back with interest from challengers Jerry Pate and Fuzzy Zoeller to win the \$275,000 B.C. Open with a record-breaking 19-under-par 265.

The triumph was the third this year for the 39-year-old Peete, who is having the best year for black player in Professional Golfers' Association history.

The \$49,500 first prize took Peete's 1982 winnings to \$281,361, lifting him from ninth to sixth on the money list, just ahead of Pate, who won \$29,700 for earnings of \$275,341 on the year.

Peete, whose first three rounds were 69, 63 and 64, shrugged off his six-shot first hole and apparently got the kinks out early in the round to finish with an 18-under-par 69. Pate and Zoeller, his companions in the final threesome, had one and three double bogeys, respectively, to finish at 272 and 273.

Pate shot 2-over-par 73 after bogeys or worse on four holes on the back nine, while Zoeller skied to a 76 after setting a course record of 62 on Friday. The 10-year-old tournament, named after a U.S. comic strip drawn by Endicott native Johnny Hart, was played on the 6,966-yard En Joie Golf Club Municipal course.

Craig Stadler finished fourth at 10-under 274. Stadler, golf's money leader this year, shot one of the day's best rounds — a 66 — to overhaul Tom Kite on the last hole. Kite and Kike Brannan tied at 275, while Antonio Cerdas of Argentina and Doug Tewell wound up at 276.

Peete, one of the most accurate and consistent players on the tour, flew his approach shot about 20 feet over the green on No. 19, a 338-yard hole with a straight fairway leading to a small, crescent-shaped target. He had to chip twice to reach the green and two-putted from 15 feet.

After that, he, Pate and Zoeller dueled until Zoeller fell back with his second and third double bogeys on the ninth and 10th holes. Peete took charge of the tournament on the 12th hole with a birdie that dropped him 18-under, while Pate suffered a double bogey-7, which left him 14 under. In the last six holes, Peete had five pars and a bogey on No. 17, while Pate finished bogey-birdie-par-bogey-par-bogey.

In Springfield, Illinois, Joanne Carner shot five birdies in a row and cruised to a 6-under-par 66 Sunday to take a three-stroke lead after two rounds of the \$125,000 LPGA Rail Charity Classic.

Carner, trying to win her third LPGA tournament in a row, had a 9-under-par 135 after the second round of the tournament, three shots better than Jo Ann Washam. Pat Bradley and Janet Alex.

Carner birdied holes 7 to 11 on the 6,281-yard, par 72 Rail Golf Club course, and said afterward that she had been aiming at the LPGA record of seven birdies in a row set by Carol Mann in 1975.

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PROUD WINNERS: Freddie Spencer flanked by Randy Mamola and Graeme Crosby proudly display their trophies on the victory stand after claiming the first three positions in the 500cc event at San Marino Sunday.

Spencer triumphs at San Marino

FLORENCE, Italy Sept. 6 (AFP) — Freddie Spencer of the United States, riding a Honda, scored an undisputed win in the 500cc category at the San Marino Motorcycling Grand Prix here Sunday while Italy's Franco Uncini, already assured of the world title, retired after eight laps.

Uncini was still feeling the effects of the tumble he took in Friday's practice. Spencer's Honda teammate, Nankumi Aiyama of Japan, winner of the Swedish Grand Prix last month, crashed out while he was second. He needed treatment for a badly-bruised chest.

Spencer finished the 25 laps in 52 min 21.76 sec., with fellow American Randy Mamola, on a Suzuki, 18 seconds behind in second place. New Zealand's Graeme Crosby, riding a Yamaha, finished third, and was second in the World Championship standings.

Reigning world champion Anton Mang of West Germany, on a Kawasaki, won the 250cc race to move closer to Frenchman Jean-Louis Tournadre, on a Yamaha, whose second place Sunday kept him the overall leader.

David Smith's dramatic dismissal

Surrey, Hampshire in nail-biting tie

LONDON, Sept. 6 (Agencies) — Surrey followed up their Nat West Trophy triumph by forcing a dramatic tie with Hampshire in an incident-packed John Player Cricket League at the Oval here Sunday.

Surrey, who beat Warwickshire by nine wickets in the final of the 60 overs Trophy, came back from the brink of defeat against Hants in the 40-over Sunday tie. The Hants needed one run off the last ball but Tim Tremlett hit a skier which was caught by West Indian Monte Lynch and the teams finished level on 139 for nine each.

Tremlett was earlier involved in an amazing dismissal. Surrey's left-handed batsman, David Smith, was left red-faced after being given out for handling the ball. Smith, then on eight, mishit a ball from Tremlett and as it looped toward his wicket he fended it off with his hand, in a reflex action. He was the first batsman in the history of the John Player League to be given out this way and he was not alone in suffering from after-effects of the Saturday's triumph's celebrations. After Alan Butcher (24) and Geoff Howarth (20) had put on 39 for the first wicket, Surrey crashed to 80 for six. But a brave unbeaten 39 by Dave Thomas helped them to 139 for nine, with Trevor Jesty giving his England hopes a boost with three for 19. Surrey were saved from the blushes as the Hants also fell rapidly for exactly the same total despite John Rice's fighting 64.

Wisden's annual records only three previous instances of batsmen being dismissed for

handing in this country.

South Africa's Ken McEwan's unbeaten 66 was not enough to save Essex from defeat against Nottinghamshire. New Zealander Richard Hadlee took 16 from eight overs as Essex crawled to 159 for five from 39 overs and Tim Robinson thumped a Sunday league personal best of 56 to set up a seven-wicket win.

Notts could finish in the league's prize money next week if they can beat new John Player champions Sussex at Hove. But that will be a tall order, as Sussex are still chasing a league record 14 wins, despite rain washing out their match against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Northamptonshire's prize money hopes were hit by rain at Abergavenny. South Africa

had replied with 17 for two after seven overs.

The other match to be washed out by heavy rains was the Derbyshire - Gloucestershire tie at Derby. Rain also interrupted the festival tie between Lancashire and Yorkshire at Scarborough. Lancashire beat the Yorkshires by the spin of coin. Sean O'Shaughnessy cracked a breezy 80 in Lancashire's 212 for eight after 45 overs, and Yorkshire had

replied with 17 for two after seven overs.

Bogicevic's free kick, awarded as a result of foul by Sockers' defender Martin Donnelly, Cabanas, playing with his right arm in a soft cast, picked up a rebound of a shot by striker Giorgio Chinaglia in the 65th minute for the game's first goal.

Bogicevic, the steady Yugoslavian midfielder, set up the goal by sending a pass to Chinaglia, whose shot bounced off Sockers' defender Eric Geyer of West Germany. Cabinas curled the ball over goalkeeper Volkmar Gross into the net. Four minutes later, Deyna evened the score at 1-1 when he found himself unguarded in the box.

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Arias gives Connors a fright

Nastase makes the best of Kriek's errors

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (AP) — Crowd favorite Ilie Nastase, the "clown prince of tennis," rode his perfectly timed on-court antics and Johan Kriek's errors to upset the 10th-seeded South African 4-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 Sunday and advance to the round-of-16 in the U.S. Open Tennis Championships.

Earlier, top-seeded John McEnroe and five-time champion Chris Evert Lloyd moved into the round-of-16 with straight-set victories. In the night's final match, second-seeded Jimmy Connors put down an upset bid by 18-year-old Jimmy Arias to post a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1 victory.

Arias, completing his second year as a pro, was leading 4-1 in the third set before Connors, a three-time winner of America's premier tennis event, captured the next five games to take a 2-1 lead in sets. Connors then rolled out to a 4-0 lead in the fourth set before Arias held. The left-handed Connors took the next two games to wrap up the third-round victory.

For Nastase, who won America's premier tennis event 10 years ago, it was the first time he has reached the fourth round since 1976. Kriek double faulted to give Nastase match point 30-40, and then aced Nastase to pull to Deuce. The Romanian, who thought the

serve was long, rushed to the net and began screaming at the lineswoman who had called the ball good.

He reached match point twice more, the third one coming when Kriek, standing at the net, smashed the ball long. On the next point, Kriek hit a backhand volley that sailed long and sent Nastase leaping into the air in glee.

In the seventh game of the first, Nastase missed one game point. Then, as a plane taking off from nearby La Guardia Airport flew overhead, Nastase sprawled on the court, covering up his head. When he arose, he acted a disgusted Kriek to run the score to 5-2.

"I thought I behaved pretty good for me," said Nastase, who preferred talking about Kriek. "He gets upset. He gets too much down on himself. He never plays safe," he said. While Nastase's antics played a part, Kriek's mistakes were his real downfall. The South African double faulted at set point but eventually won the third set by taking the tiebreaker 10-8.

In the second set, Nastase captured the first five games, then lost the next six. He held serve and won the tiebreaker 7-2. Nastase served seven aces to only two for Kriek, who had 21 double faults. Nastase double faulted

12 times. "It was nice to have everybody root for me," Nastase said. "It was a nice change. Before, they would all be against me."

McEnroe, seeking his fourth consecutive title, shook off a lethargic start to crush Vince Van Patten 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, while Evert Lloyd dominated Kate Latham 6-2, 6-1.

In other women's matches, amateur Elise Burgin upset ninth-seeded Bettina Bunge 7-6, 7-6; No. 6 Wendy Turnbull of Australia stopped West Germany's Claudia Kohde 7-5, 6-3; No. 13 Kathy Rinaldi ousted Duk Hee Lee of South Korea 6-2, 6-1 and No. 16 Zina Garrison stopped Heather Crows 6-2, 7-5.

In the men's singles, No. 4 Guillermo Vilas defeated Mike Depalmer 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 and No. 8 Eliot Teltscher stopped Chris Lewis of New Zealand 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-0.

McEnroe appeared content to work on his game against Van Patten, the movie actor who had beaten the New York left-hander the last time they had met. He broke Van Patten in the second game, then traded breaks with him in the sixth and seventh games.

Although McEnroe had little problem in winning, Van Patten forced the defending champion through four deuces before McEn-

roe could close out the first set on his own serve.

Ranked No. 1 in the World on the Association of Tennis Professionals computer, McEnroe broke Van Patten, ranked 35th, in the third game of the second set at 15 and again in the seventh game, again at 15.

The feisty McEnroe appeared to toy with Van Patten in the final set, breaking him in the first and fifth games before finally losing his serve in the eighth. He then broke right back to close out the match and advance to a fourth-round meeting against Matt Doyle, a Californian who plays Davis Cup for Ireland because of his parent's roots.

Bunge, West German who now lives in Florida, was upset by Burgin, a college junior. "It hasn't hit me yet," Burgin said of her round-of-16 berth. "It's wonderful. I saw the draw and just decided to play it round by round."

Bunge blamed her lack of concentration and Burgin's heavy topspin groundstrokes for her defeat. "Sometimes I don't feel like playing but I do because I have to, not because I want to," Bunge said. "I have to rest a little and get eager and want to play and have fun. I'm just going through the motions... it's torture for me."

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Real Valladolid	0	3 Nueve Chicago
Valencia	2	Newell's Old Boys
Osasuna	1	Argentinos Juniors
Real Sociedad	2	River Plate
Portugal	0	Racing Club
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STILL GOOD : Ilie Nastase of Romania, who proved he is still good on court, both as a player and as an entertainer, delighted the crowd with his antics as he posted a 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2 upset win over No. 10 John Kriek Sunday to make the last 16 of the U.S. Open.

Penalty on pro foul too harsh, Taylor feels

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AFP) — English Professional Footballers' Association secretary Gordon Taylor Sunday warned that the referees' crackdown could drive crowds away rather than bring them back.

Taylor's warning came after eight players were sent off in Saturday's league matches — equaling the League record. "When it was first suggested that the professional foul should be punished by a sending off, I was afraid it would be like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut," said Taylor. "What has happened is not unexpected."

"There could be an adverse effect on entertainment," he added. "You could get matches ending with eight players against nine, or teams being unevenly matched because of suspensions."

Taylor said the presence of assessors, who file reports on the referees' performance, was putting too much pressure on match officials. "Any referee who does not send people off knows he may be marked down. It is putting a hell of a lot onto the referee, who cannot now use his discretion. The only discretion he has now is how many players he sends off," Taylor said.

Taylor stressed that he was not attempting to condone the professional foul. "But there is an instinctive reaction for a player to get in a last-ditch tackle or stick out a hand." "I'm afraid that the art of tackling could go out of the game and we will see defenders waving forwards through rather than risk a mistimed tackle," he said.

In an effort to brighten up the game, the football authorities have decided this year to stamp down on foul tackles and handball intended to prevent otherwise certain goals, which is why they have become known as professional fouls.

The players' Union has already suggested that a warning is a more suitable punishment. A player is automatically sent off if he receives two warnings in a match as warnings also carry disciplinary points a player who receives two or three incurs automatic suspension.

Meanwhile, in Buenos Aires, Admiral Carlos Lacoste was named as the person suspected of being principally responsible for overspending on the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

Admiral Lacoste was a vice-president of the World Cup organizing committee and was at the time a minister in the General Videla's government. He is still a vice-president of the International Football Federation.

The government's fraud investigation service announced that, at the government's request, it intended to charge several important people with misappropriation of funds. The organizing committee's expenditure between 1976 and 1979 is now put at \$700 million, four times more than this year's world Cup in Spain.

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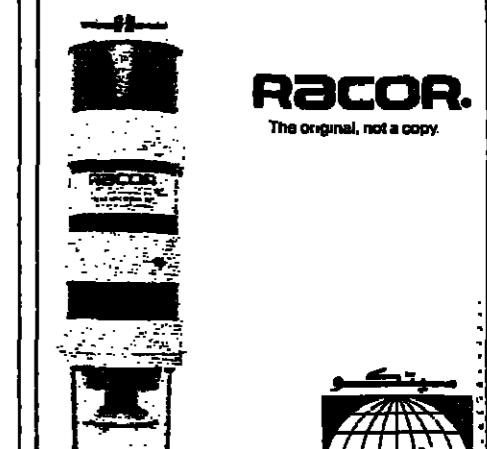
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Bureaucratic bungling gives Coe a jolt

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Secretary Jackie Suttee came to the rescue Monday by solving the mystery of the missing telex that could have prevented Sebastian Coe competing in the 1,500 meters at the European Athletics Championships in Athens.

Jackie, who works for the British Athlete Board in London, hunted through the office before finding the copy of the telex confirming Coe's entry.

The drama began earlier in the day when the championship organizers said they knew nothing of Coe's entry — and warned British officials that without proof of entry the

3 Aussie athletes face trial

BRISBANE, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Three athletes, all probable members of the Australian Commonwealth Games team, appeared in Brisbane Magistrate Court Monday accused of vandalism at the Commonwealth Games site.

Anthony John Holt, 36, a Queensland doctor, Zenon Benjamin Grzes, 31, of Queensland, and Matthew William Barber, 26, of Canberra, were alleged to have damaged turf, a running track and a concrete barrier post on two visits to the Queen Elizabeth II Stadium last weekend.

Police said the three men threw a cement pillar onto a flower box on Saturday evening, then returned in the early hours of Sunday and drove a vehicle across a training track, leaving skid marks.

The court was told all three would be pleading not guilty. The case was adjourned until Oct. 18, a week after the end of the Commonwealth Games. The men were released.

Barber is Australian shot put champion, Grzes is the Queensland hammer throw champion, and Holt was third in the discuss at the Queensland Championships in February. The Australian athletics team for the Games will be announced this week.

Meanwhile, weightlifter Dean English was declared ineligible to represent Scotland in the Commonwealth Games because he is an

American, it was reported in Edinburgh.

English, who lifts in the mid-heavyweight category, has lived in Scotland for eight years and competed for them for the last two years on a United States passport, but Commonwealth Games rules make him ineligible.

However, two other members of the team, whose places were in jeopardy for similar reasons — national badminton champion Charlie Gallacher and wrestler John Halpin — look like winning last-minute reprieves. Both carry Irish passports but as they have Scottish mothers they should be allowed in.

English's place in the Scotland team will be taken by Carol Lightfoot — a women's 800 meters runner. The 27-year-old Glasgow teacher will not, however, be expected to compete against the muscle men.

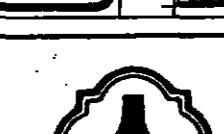
She had been listed as first reserve for the team as a whole and will compete on the track. The late decision means she will now accompany her fiance, Cameron Sharp, one of Scotland's top medal hopes in the men's sprints, on the flight to Brisbane in two weeks time.

English, who came over from America to work in Scotland, was withdrawn by the Scottish Amateur Weightlifting Association Sunday night after the matter had been referred to them by the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland.

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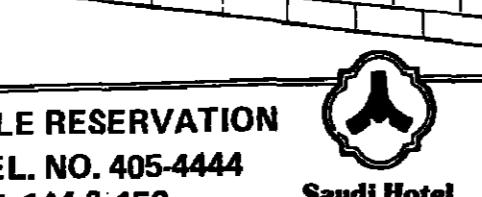
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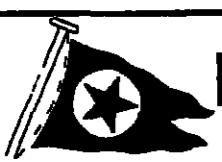
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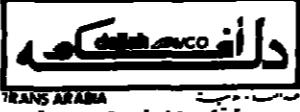
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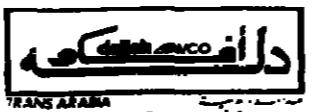
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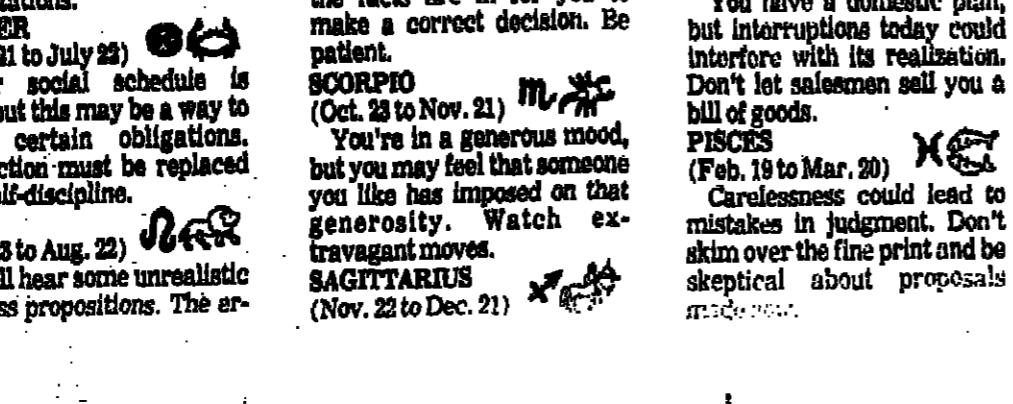
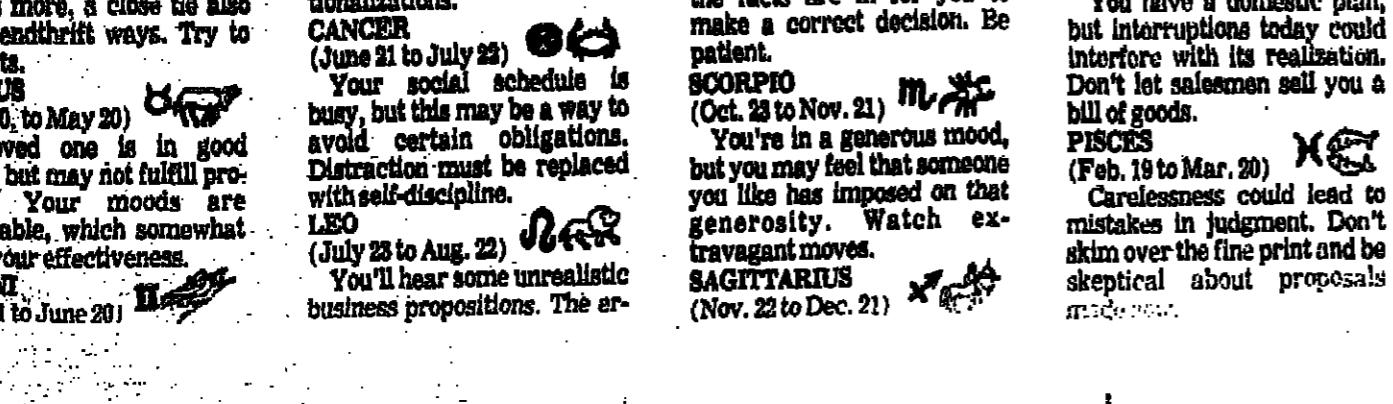
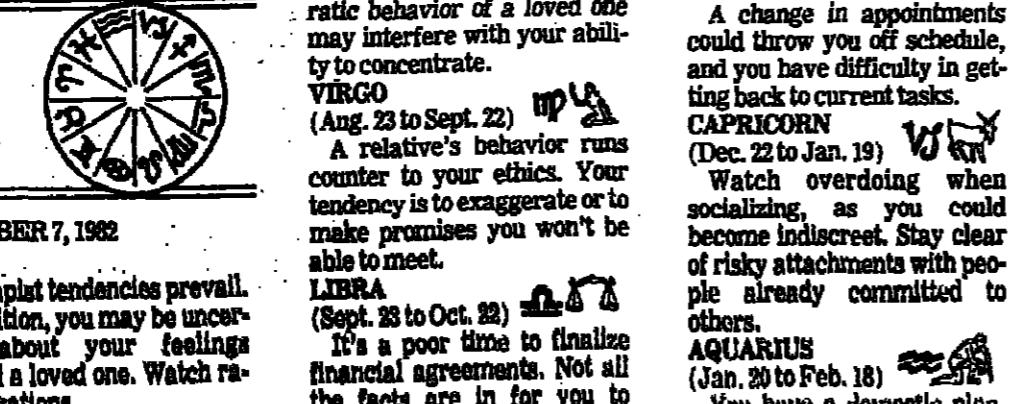
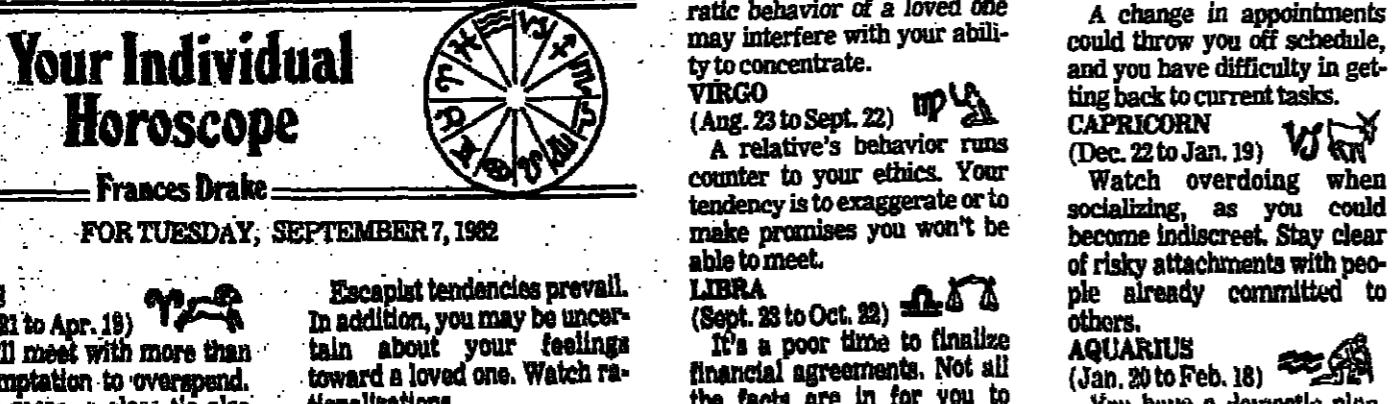
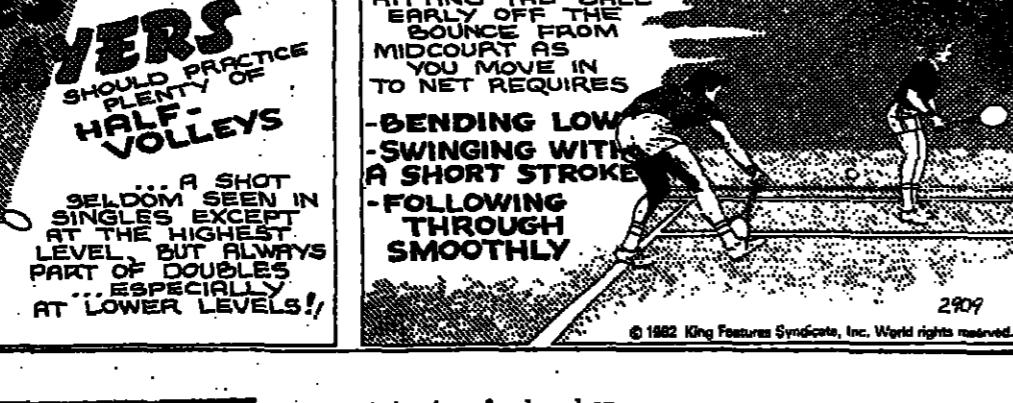
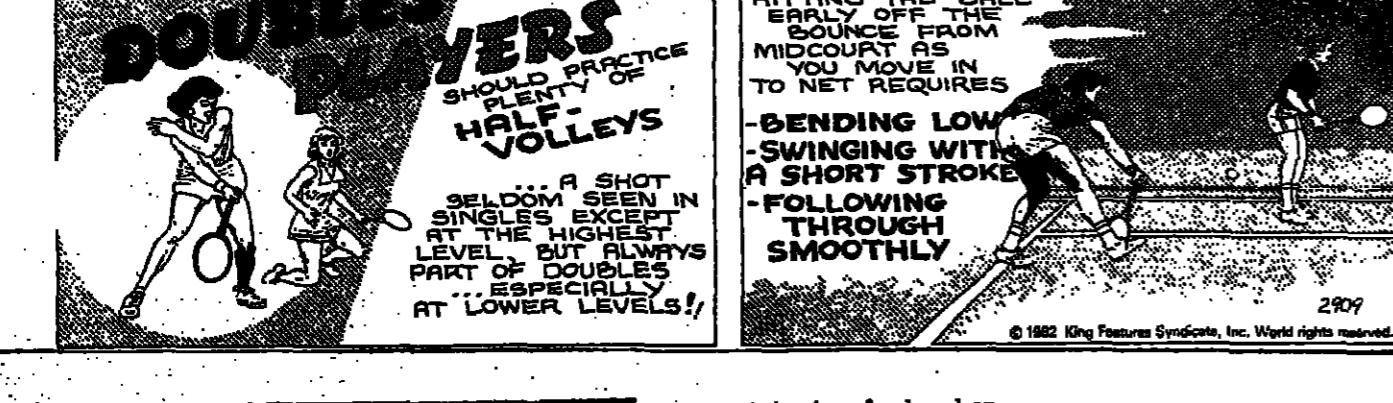
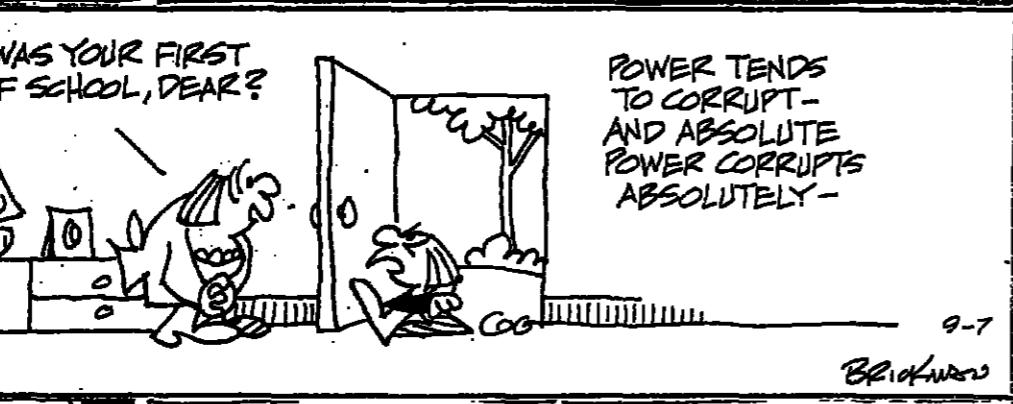
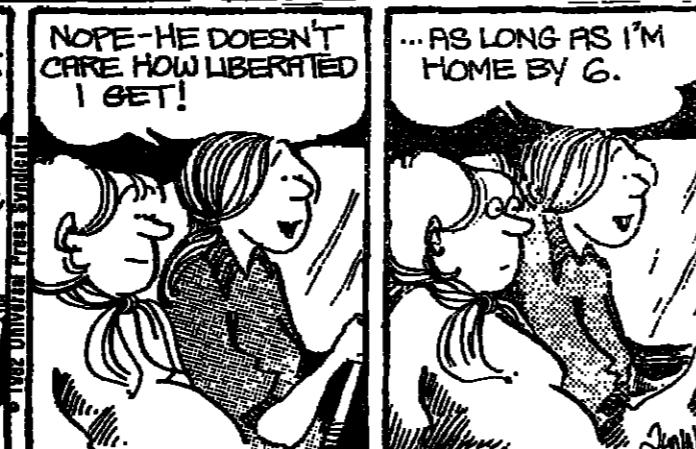
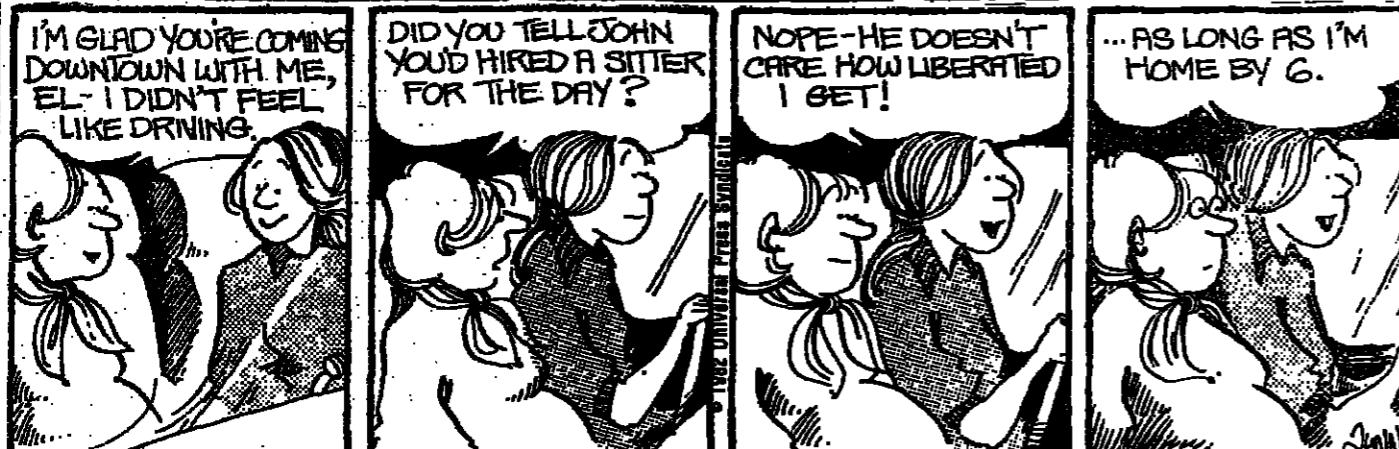
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Crackdown a turning point in martial law

Death toll in Polish violence mounts to five

WROCŁAW, Poland, Sept. 6 (Agence France-Presse) — A 28-year-old miner has died from gunshots wounds in the copper-mining town of Lublin, bringing to five the number of reported deaths resulting from last week's demonstrations against martial law in Poland, official sources said.

The source in Wroclaw, center of the southeastern mining region, said Michal Adamowicz was one of 14 persons reported wounded when police fired in demonstrations marking the second anniversary of agreements opening the way for the independent trade union Solidarity.

Two men were shot dead in the Lubin disturbances, one was shot in Wroclaw and another died of internal injuries in the northern port of Gdansk. The Wroclaw victim, Kazimierz Michalewski, is to be buried Tuesday, officials said.

The authorities Monday maintained an 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew in main cities of the region for those under 18 but relaxed it to start at 11 p.m. for those over 18.

The five deaths will mark another tragic chapter in Poland's history. But they may also signal a turning point in martial law.

After a week of riots, deaths, armored cars and tear gas, the authorities have reacted angrily, launching a new crackdown on dissidents and declaring Solidarity leaders incapable of dialogue.

Significantly, the state media has given broad coverage to the deaths and shows pictures of rioting, listed the number of injured and interned and reported trials for over 1,000 persons already fined or jailed.

But the publicity, which appears aimed at scaring people away from any more street disturbances, palls beside the political implications of two moves announced Friday.

At a press conference announcing the arrests of dissidents from the opposition group KOR, government press spokesman Jerzy Urban declined for the first time that

Nkomo to report on hostages

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Sept. 6 (AP) — Opposition leader Joshua Nkomo says he will report to parliament this week on his efforts in Matabeleland to win the release of six foreign tourists, kidnapped by gunmen there June 23.

Nkomo in an interview with the *Bulawayo Chronicle* newspaper said he had traveled throughout western Matabeleland province in the past 10 days addressing rallies and appealing to the gunmen to free their hostages.

The kidnappers are believed dissident ex-guerrillas loyal to Nkomo. More than 2,000 Nkomo loyalists deserted from the national army to become brigands in Matabeleland after their leader was fired from the coalition government Feb. 17 for allegedly plotting a coup against Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

U.S. accused of instigation

MOSCOW, Sept. 6 (R) — The Soviet news agency Tass Monday accused the United States of helping to instigate last week's violent protests in Poland and said Washington had no right to criticize Warsaw's use of force to crush them.

The official agency said U.S.-run radio stations had issued precise instructions to Poland's "counterrevolutionary underground" on where to assemble and march on Aug. 31. The U.S. State Department had also released a "provocative and instigatory statement" on the situation in Poland just before the anniversary in a further effort to encourage the anti-government opposition, it added.

Tass said the U.S. actions amounted to gross interference in Poland's affairs and direct support for efforts to overthrow the country's legitimate government. It was, therefore, hypocritical of Washington to denounce Warsaw's suppression of the street protests and to profess grief over the deaths of demonstrators, the agency added.

The article was the first Soviet commentary for six days on the events of Aug. 31 and the first reference in official media to the deaths. Tass suggested the protesters themselves bore responsibility, saying people "with petrol bombs, crowbars and bicycle chains in their hands are guilty of the deaths of several people."

Missile fired accidentally

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 6 (AFP) — A missile from the Danish frigate *Peder Skram* was launched accidentally and exploded at a camping ground, police said here Monday. Details on casualties were not immediately known.

The explosion provoked a fire, and electricity was cut off, Danish state radio said. "The ship was to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization sea exercises code named 'Blue Moon' Tuesday.

Police in nearby Holbaek said the missile made a direct hit on one summer cottage and that the other one burned down in the resulting fire. A police duty officer said it was believed both cottages were unoccupied at the time.

He said the missile exploded about 200 to 300 meters from some camping trailers and tents.

leaders for Solidarity are no longer considered "viable" partners for talks.

Instead, Urban said, the government will now go directly to the rank-and-file workers they are supposed to represent, a move that could signal the end of Solidarity as it was last year.

"It seems to be a turning point," said one Western observer, "and it could mean the

authorities have decided to get really tough."

Since martial law began last Dec. 13, there have been constant hints that Solidarity could be banned. The new tactics suggest the authorities have decided to take action after nine months of near political paralysis.

Bypassing union leaders and going direct to the workers is an important organizational and ideological point, since the independent

nationwide union had by its very existence gone against the party's fundamental role as the only representative of the working class.

This problem was papered over during talks that formed the independent union in Gdansk in August 1980 when workers agreed to acknowledge the party's leading role in society. Now, the government apparently feels it does not have to make concessions to the union.

"They may de-legalize Solidarity as a nationwide union and set up new unions at the factory level," one Polish journalist with government contacts said. "Each factory could have its own local union, but no more."

Such a move would prevent the massive, nationwide impact Solidarity had when its 10 million members could be called out on strike, yielding immense political and social pressure.

At the same time, the authorities have never before charged KOR leaders of explicitly with political crimes that carry a minimum sentence of five years in jail and a maximum penalty of death.

The move against KOR, which stands for "Committee for Social Self-Defense," goes against its leaders' aim of gradual reforms and aiding workers by changing them with seeking to overthrow the state by force.

Unless they have miscalculated, the authorities apparently no longer fear the possibility of strikes in defense of dissent by workers who once said "KOR defended workers, workers defended KOR," some observers said.

Although officials may claim they won on Aug. 31, their "victory" may seem hollow after nine months of martial law in which no protests at all are supposed to take place.

"People were willing to risk severe penalties and ignored the authorities' dire warnings last Tuesday," another Western observer commented.

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Pipeline, Mideast on agenda

Weinberger meets Nott today

LONDON, Sept. 6 (AP) — The Siberian pipeline dispute and the U.S. Palestinian peace initiative were on the agenda for U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger when he landed here Monday for a three-day official visit. He arrived from Cairo, where he outlined President Ronald Reagan's Mideast plan to the Egyptian government.

Weinberger will meet British Defense Secretary John Nott and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has welcomed Reagan's proposals for Palestinian autonomy on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip as "an opportunity to build confidence between the parties." She said it would be "a tragedy if the ideas are rejected out of hand."

Israel has rejected the proposals, which call for the autonomy in "association" with Jordan and Arab heads of state are considering them this week at a summit meeting in Morocco.

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Kissinger warns S. Africa of explosion

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In a speech to a South African Institute of International Affairs conference on foreign powers and Africa, Kissinger said that Pretoria's current policy regarding political arrangements or separate "homelands" for blacks would "not provide the ultimate solution to the problem of power sharing."

Steps to ease poverty apartheid, measures to broaden the political rights of the colored race) and Indian populations, the economic position of blacks and signs that the South African government was trying to think creatively and promote change were noted with appreciation, Kissinger said.

"But your friends would render you no service if they implied that these were anything but the first steps on a long journey," he added.

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MAFIA FIGHTER: Francesco, 61, the head of Italian Secret Service, who was named Sunday as the government's special high commissioner to combat the Mafia and to fill the position of Gen. Carlo Alberto Della Chiesa, who was killed by the Mafia.

Argentine election set

Buenos Aires, Sept. 6 (AFP) — Argentina's military rulers have scheduled general elections for Nov. 15 next year, a military source said Sunday. The decision was taken by a caucus of generals who met in the capital from Thursday to Saturday last week, the source said.

The general officers did not rule out the possibility of moving up the date for a return to democracy, the source added. Argentina has been ruled by the military since a 1976 coup which overthrew President Isabel Peron, widow of populist leader Juan Peron.

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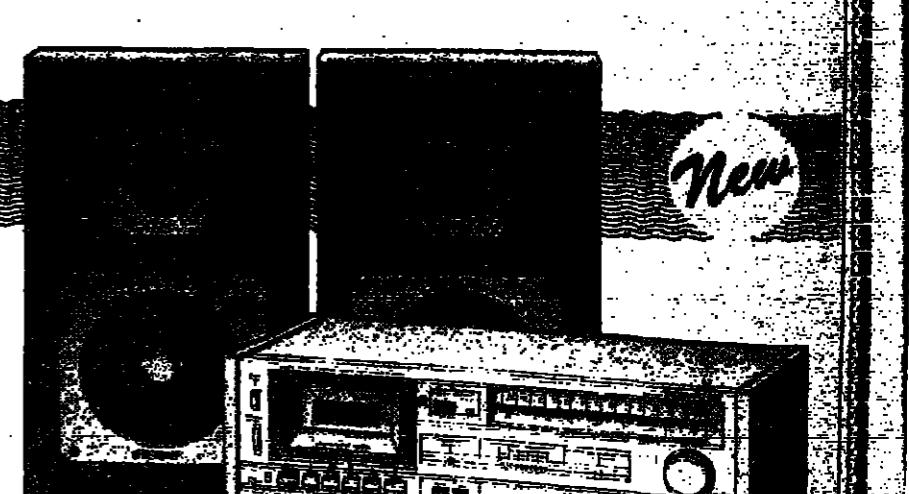
New Delhi, Sept. 6 (R) — Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, known as "The Sage of Kashmir" suffered a heart attack early Sunday day and was under constant medical supervision, his official spokesman said.

The spokesman said in the state capital, Srinagar that "the sudden development in Sheikh's condition is causing much anxiety and concern to the doctors attending him."

According to the Press Trust of India news agency, the 76-year-old chief minister of the north Indian state of Kashmir has been in poor health for the last three months.

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